

Tax levy sought to improve city roads

By SARAH SWEDBERG
CHIEF REPORTER

The future of Maryville's economy and transportation system could depend on a 35 cent tax levy.

"We need to look at every opportunity to grow this community," said Doug Sutton, plant manager of Kawasaki Motors Manufacturing Corp. "The population in Maryville has not increased in the past 10 years and this may be due to infrastructure issues that need to be improved on."

Sutton said the tax levy, if passed April 6, would give his employees alternate routes to get to work and better roads to travel on.

Priority One Realty broker Tina Sherry said she thinks homes along the roads projected for improvements would benefit from the tax levy.

"It would increase the value of the home," Sherry said.

The four-year property tax increase of 35 cents per \$100 assessed valuation would cost taxpayers, for

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Malpractice suits threaten many medical professionals

By STEPHANIE STANGL
CHIEF REPORTER

The road to adequate healthcare is growing longer by the lawsuit.

Frustrated medical malpractice rewards and steep malpractice insurance premiums are leaving Missouri doctors no option but to close up shop, which could limit public access to vital healthcare services and also raise the cost of services.

Dr. Patrick Harr, who specializes in family practice and sports medicine at St. Francis Hospital, says that though Maryville has yet to lose doctors to malpractice claims, it is not an issue that is far from their minds.

"Everyone is affected by rising premiums and the market is shrinking as far as doctor availability is concerned," Harr said. "A doctor might stop doing deliveries, certain types of surgery or other specialized procedures. When you reduce those services, your patients have to go somewhere else, which in turn makes health costs go up."

But steep premiums are not the only problem associated with malpractice insurance.

"Many physicians get a notice that their insurance is no longer going to be available and, therefore, they have no options," Harr said. "Some doctors cannot even find an insurance company that will cover them."

Harr also noted that obstetricians and gynecologists are among the hardest hit in the medical profession.

"The problem is for a process that seems so natural, you never know who is going to have a problem delivering," Harr said. "Sometimes a mom can be going beautifully and

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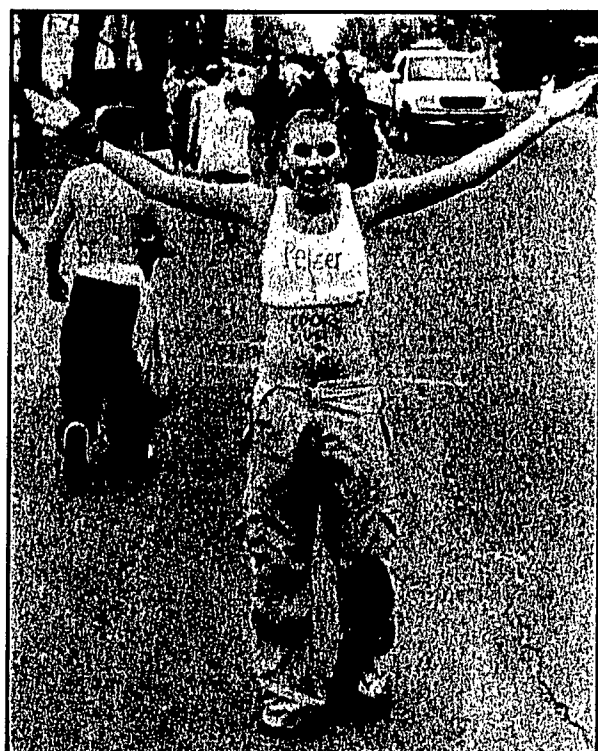


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Maryville High School sophomore Coty Copeland joined nearly 250 other students in a march last week in protest of the school board's decision not to renew three teachers' contracts.

Maryville students march to express support for coaches

Board of Education encounters
disagreement from students after
releasing three high school teachers

By SARAH SWEDBERG
CHIEF REPORTER

More than a week after the Maryville R-II Board of Education decided to release three Maryville High School educators, Pat Raffel said she is still waiting for answers.

Raffel, whose son Jonathan has John Pelzer as a teacher and coach, said she is baffled by the board's

decision.

"I was shocked by the vote, because I had not had any inklings that teachers and coaches, who to me seem like they were doing a very good job, and I knew were very well-liked, all of a sudden did not have their contracts renewed," she said.

On March 23, the board decided in a closed emergency session not to renew the contracts of Maryville High School teachers and coaches Pelzer, Randy Cook and Kelsey Pickering. Pelzer served as head football coach, Cook coached girls' basketball and Pickering was an assistant football coach.

In a Candidates' Forum on March 25, current board member Mark Jelavich and President David Boyles said Pickering's job was eliminated due to

budget cuts.

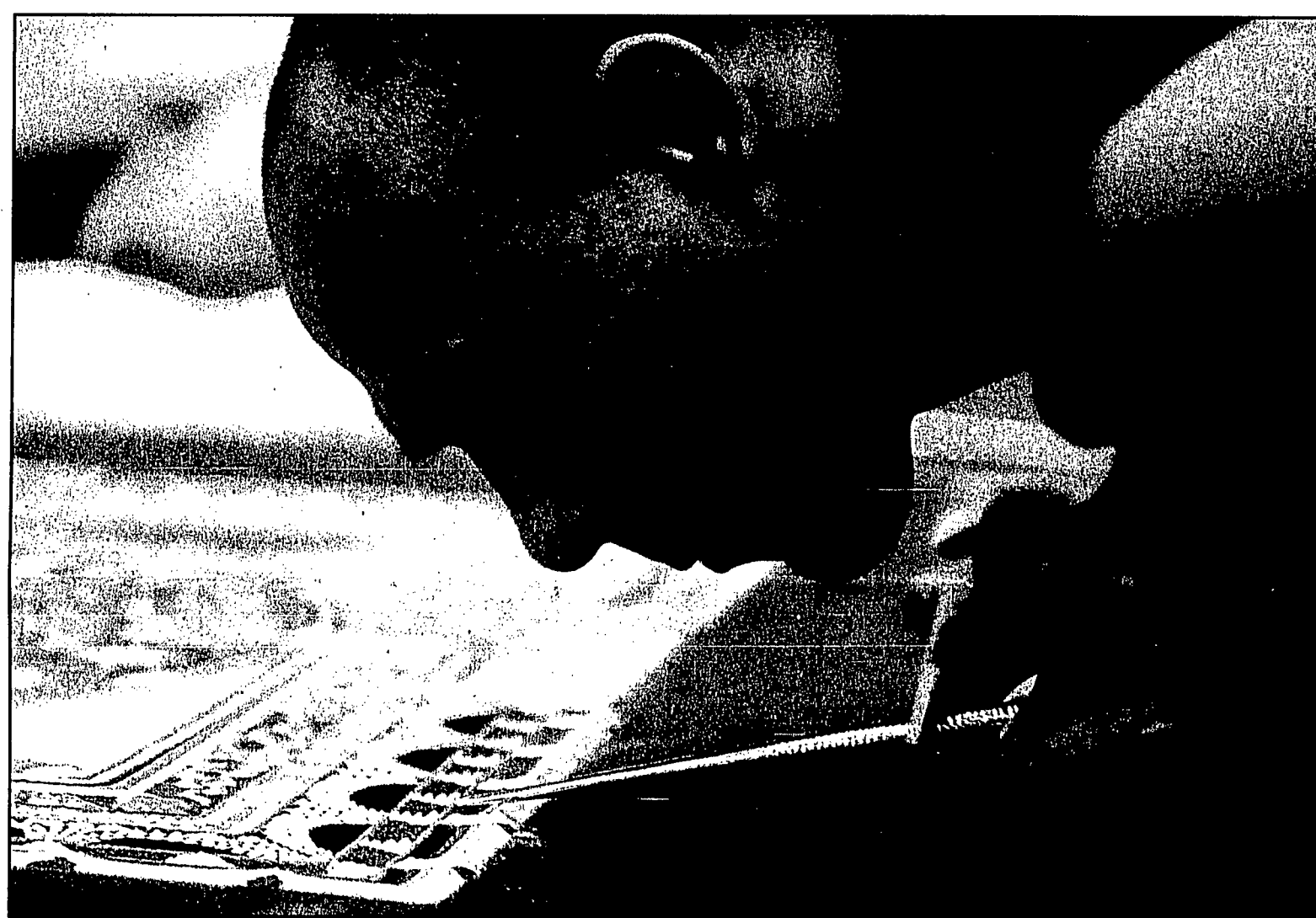
As for Pelzer's and Cook's jobs, Superintendent Jay Reese said he cannot comment on the board's reason behind their decision due to it being a personnel issue. But he said all three coaches have received reasons as to why their contracts were not renewed.

"They have those reasons and that's the right that they have," Reese said.

Boyles explained to Raffel at the Candidates' Forum that both Pelzer and Cook could now either file a grievance or reapply for their positions after the school district posts them.

"It seems like a long process and I'm not sure that any of them would want to go back and

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Tibetan Monk Tensin Tenkyong kneels in concentration as he patiently moves grains of sand to form a traditional Medicine Buddha Mandala for Healing.

A TOUCH OF Tibet

Buddhist Monks visit Northwest
to share culture of peace and
compassion with community

By ABBY SIMONS
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Eyes rarely straying from the floor of the Mel Carnahan Reading Room, two Tibetan monks laid painstaking detail to a traditional Sand Mandala. A dozen students watched in silence, awed by the artwork's beauty.

The scene was suddenly set to a less-than-expected soundtrack.

"...Cosmo says you're fat, well I ain't down with that, cuz your waist is small and your curves are kickin'..."

One floor below, a throng of students belted out a custom rendition of Sir Mix-A-Lot's "Baby Got Back" as part of the Northwest and Greek Week festivities.

To refer the scene as a culture clash would be an understatement. Yet it happens to reflect

the very message of the visiting Buddhist monks from the Drepung Gomang Tour Group during their week at Northwest.

"Actually, it's all okay. Students having fun on campus doesn't bother us at all," said interpreter and monk Thupren Kelsang as the beat resonated below his feet. "We're just happy to be here and share our cultures and our message of peace and compassion."

Beginning Monday with an opening ceremony filled with ancient chants and a brief explanation of the Sand Mandala's meaning of peace and harmony, the monks demonstrated cultural activities including artwork, mantras and dances. While staying at Conception Abbey throughout the week, the Gomang monks also shared their traditional chants and music with the Benedictine monks at Conception.

The visit will culminate at 3 p.m. Friday when the completed Mandala will be dismantled, signifying that everything beautiful comes to an end.

Their goal to spread the message of peace and culture was well-received among Northwest students, faculty and community members alike.

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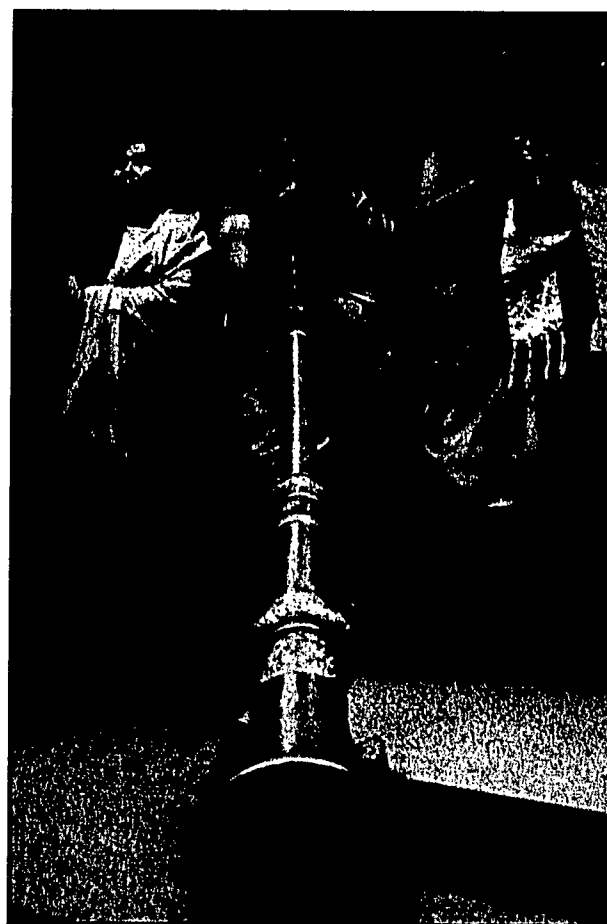


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Tibetan monks Thopten Kalsang, Tensingyalpo, (Playing the Dugchen horn) and Gyaltsan Tharpa participate in the closing chant from Tuesday night's program. The monks, who stayed at Conception Abbey, educated the Benedictine community about their Tibetan Buddhist religion.

Suicide shocks Northwest

By JANEA PHILIP
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

Before returning from spring break, Northwest students logged on to their e-mail accounts and discovered the loss of another student.

Nineteen-year-old freshman Katrina Forbach committed suicide on Tuesday, March 23, by drug overdose and self-asphyxiation in her Millikan Hall room.

KATRINA FORBACH

Forbach's charm and personality will leave her missed by all, friends say.

"She was really sweet and was friends with everybody," high school friend Jessica Hartley said.

However, Forbach's life appeared plagued with problems Hartley said.

"She was one of those people that when things bothered her, she didn't tell anybody," Hartley said.

Hartley said Forbach was extremely stressed about school.

"She was really behind in her classes because of the (legal problems)," Hartley said.

In February, Forbach was charged for filing a false police report. Her court date was the morning of her death.

Maryville Public Safety Director Keith Wood said the false police report was only a piece of the puzzle as to why Forbach committed suicide.

Hartley's description of Forbach's life illustrated a young woman dealing with plenty of heartache and suffering.

According to Campus Safety Director Clarence Green, Forbach left several in-depth letters about what she was feeling at the time of her decision.

"This incident was tragic and unnecessary," Wood said.

Forbach is survived by her daughter, Kali Forbach; parents Mary Sims and Leslie Forbach; sisters Adriane, Amanda and Amber Forbach; brother Thomas Forbach and; stepbrothers Joshua, Justin and Jeremy Sims. Her twin sister Kristina Ann Forbach preceded her in death.

Forbach's death has raised many questions about what and how students feel. Counseling is now available for students coping with the loss. Students experiencing depression or anxiety, are encouraged to contact the Counseling Center at 562-1220.

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How do you feel about the war in Iraq now that a year has gone by since we invaded?

43.0% We're wasting money, time and lives
42.1% Feeling Iraq is a good cause
10.3% We've got Saddam, now lets get out of there!
4.7% I can't think... I drank too much on St. Patty's Day!

Online poll:

What's the best way to spend a warm Spring afternoon?

a. Fishing at Mozingo with a full cooler.
b. Just laying out and working on my tan.
c. Going for a run... and then realizing that I'm out of shape.
d. Playing Yahtzee with grandma and grandpa.



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Kevin Fraser sings Pharrell Williams' "Frontin'" in the living room of the Student Union during the Greek Week Karaoke activity. Fraser also gave an encore performance and sang a Dru Hill song.

Students receive week of fun

By SCOTT HILL
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Students returned from spring break this week to find an eventful campus filled with celebration.

The week was double-booked with Greek Week and Northwest Week festivities. Greek Week is designated for the fraternities and sororities on campus, while Northwest Week is a celebration of the University and everyone involved.

"Students have worked hard all year and this gives them a chance to sit back and have some fun," said Bryan VanOsedale, director of Campus Activities.

Northwest Week was jammed full of events for students to attend, including a free movie at the Hangar, a pancake feed and a chance to make their own music videos. This week's events were co-sponsored and ran by Student Senate, Residence Hall Association and National Residence Hall Honorary.

Student Senate Vice President Chase Cornett said that it took a lot of preparation to prepare for the week's activities.

"We kind of took a different approach to Northwest Week this year," Cornett said. "We collaborated with other organizations to add events to create more activities and more involvement with the students."

Cornett said that this was the twelfth year of the event, dating back to 1992. He said that Northwest Week 12th is designed to give students a break a few weeks before final exams.

"It's been a long year and we're just trying to provide the students with the opportunity to get some free food, some free entertainment, relax and have fun while they're on campus this week," Cornett said.

Events for the week will continue well into Saturday, April 3. Events include a Give-Away-Day on Friday at noon by the Bell Tower, where free prizes will be given to students.

Saturday will begin with a garage sale at the squash court by Phillips Hall. The sale will last from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The week will come to an end with an event at 12:30 p.m. by the Bell Tower when Kyler England performs an outdoor concert. Free food will be available.

Broadcasting museum reopens

By JANEIA PHILIP
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

Yesterday Mayor Ron Moss read a proclamation that marked the official day of the reopening of the Warren Stucki Museum of Broadcasting.

Board of Regent Rolie Stadlman began the reopening, describing the many contributions Warren Stucki made since accepting the position as engineer in 1972.

"It was an honor working with you Warren," Stadlman said. "Nothing is more fitting than to name this museum after you."

Stucki remodeled KXCV before and after its destruction in the fire of the Administration Building in 1979.

"It was entirely appropriate that when he retired, he had something to visually represent all of the contributions he had made," said Sharon Bonnett, general manager of KXCV and KRNW.

The museum contains collections of radio and television materials donated by Stucki.

Equipment was also donated to the



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Kirk Wayman, Will Murphy, Warren Stucki, Charlie Maley and Rolie Stadlman cut the reel-to-reel tape at the ribbon cutting ceremony to open the Warren Stucki Museum of Broadcasting.

museum by various radio and television stations in the Midwest. According to Bonnett, the Warren Stucki Museum is the only radio broadcast museum in the Midwest.

"It's an ongoing project, it's by no means done, it's just something we

wanted to introduce the public to," Bonnett said.

The Warren Stucki Museum of Broadcasting is located on the second floor of Wells Hall. For more information contact Sharon Bonnett at 562-1164.

University Events

Thurs.	1	■ Theatre: "I Love You, I Love You Not," 7:30 p.m., Studio Theatre, PAC
Fri.	2	■ RHA: A Night Out Dinner and Formal Dance, 6 p.m.
Sat.	3	■ C-Base, 8 p.m. ■ NRHH Garage Sale, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., squash courts near Phillips Hall
Sun.	4	■ Sunday Night Church, Union Ballroom, 9 p.m.
Mon.	5	■ Barbara Reinhardt ceramic sculpture exhibit, 7 p.m., FA 244
Tues.	6	■ Spring Agriculture Career Development Events, Union and V&L
Wed.	7	■ Teacher Placement Day

Unanswered questions may result in second delay

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
ASSIGNMENT EDITOR

Northwest now finds itself in an eerily familiar situation as talks about delaying the merger with the University of Missouri system have resurfaced.

Last April, State Rep. Brad Lager declared there was not enough time for the proposed merger, which preceded eleven months of discussion.

Fast-forward to April 2004, and the same scenario exists, as Lager returned to Jefferson City Monday.

Lager talked at 14 different town hall meetings during the week of March 22.

But before Lager set foot in the courthouse for an open forum March 26, he announced his feelings to students.

"(The merger) is so far from being a done deal," Lager told an estimated 50 students at the Student Senate-sponsored forum March 18. "This is the beginning of the process. At Northwest, the perception is it's a done deal, and in Jefferson City there's still a big hill to climb."

Twelve months ago Lager said the feeling of uncertainty "was uniform."

"Today, after talking with (University

and community groups), some people feel their questions have been answered, some don't," he said.

During the March 18 meeting, students had questions ranging from status of culture to the book rental plan.

"I've talked to a lot of students and we don't like (the merger)," public relations major Grant Venable said. "We found something here we didn't see at the other (UM system schools)...we came to Northwest because of the culture. My dad always said, 'If it ain't broke, don't fix it.'"

A WebStar vote to gauge students' opinions on the merger began Monday and will continue until the end of the week.

Prior to spring break, Student Senate President Emily Dix said she is trying to create other meetings for students attend.

"I've been in touch with the UM (system school's Student Senate) presidents, and we're planning on having a forum with them," Dix said. "We're planning on doing that after we get back from spring break."

While Lager says he plans to file a bill, he said there is no rush.

"Nothing mandates that this has to happen this year" Lager said.

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Thank you for your assistance.

Matt Baker

Assistant Director of Residential Life

Clarence Green

Director of Campus Safety

Newcomer hopes to win vacated City Council seat

By JARED HOFFMANN
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

It is likely that one new member and one returning member will be the elected candidates to Maryville City Council this Tuesday.

According to County Clerk Beth Hann, the election will be slightly unusual on Tuesday as two candidates will be running to fill two open positions on the council. She said the city is required to still hold the election due to the possibility of a write-in candidate.

Chad Jackson will possibly be filling the position on the council after the departure of Brian Twaddle. Jackson said he is looking forward to the opportunity to help make a positive impact on the community.

"It's been an interest of mine for the last year," Jackson said. "I really prayed about it and decided it would be a good leadership opportunity for me."

Jackson said that there are no initial changes he intends to help make, but he does have some goals for down the road.

"I don't see any changes that I want to take place," Jackson said. "There are a lot of good things in place already to help our city grow. I just want to hear from the community, make informed decisions and take a look at new ideas."

One specific issue that Jackson would like to see addressed is revitalizing parts of the city to better accommodate pedestrians.

"I strongly support improving our community," Jackson said. "I know there has been talk of getting bike and hike trails built. This is something I would like to see because our town isn't very pedestrian-friendly and there are ways we can improve that."

Jackson has called Maryville his home for the past three years. He said he wants his vote in City Council to be "representative of the people."

"I look at it as my way of giving back to the community," Jackson said. "I want to continue to be in the position to listen to people, come up with new ideas and progress to improve our community."

Current City Council member Carol Courts will also run but was not available for comment.

City will explore revamping sewage lines

By JESSICA SWARTZ
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

At the Maryville City Council meeting Monday, Mayor Ron Moss discussed his concerns over the aged sewer and water pipes that provide the citizens of Maryville with utilities.

The meeting brought up several items that provided food for thought for the City Council members.

The main topic of the night was a proposed Capital Improvement Plan to begin replacing the city's water pipes. Although both water and sewer were mentioned, City Director Matt Chesnut urged the council to hold off on discussing sewer rate increases.

The plan's purpose would be to set up a yearly allocation of funds to replace water pipes rather than fixing broken ones. The council discussed a possible 2 percent increase in water rates to raise the needed money.

"We'll definitely let people know," Chesnut said. "We want to be up front about it."

Moss was optimistic concerning citizen's reactions to the increase in rates.

"I think when you consider the fact that when you have to do without water for a day, it makes sense that we have a plan to try and prevent pipes from breaking," Moss said. "We plan to start with the oldest pipes first. I think (the plan) will probably be well-received."

Greg Decker, Public Works director, has until the second meeting of April to produce a plan of action.

"The city staff and I are going to try and meet and come up with

some ideas and recommendations," Decker said.

Although this idea was only just presented, it's been a concern of Mayor Moss' for a while.

"We had no organized plan to replace the pipes before this and I thought it was about time," Moss said.

According to Moss, several of the pipes are decades old. One example is the water main that broke two summers ago and forced citizens to resort to boiling their water.

Zoning regulations, propane tanks and city murals were among the topics also introduced and debated at the meeting.

Leland May from the Mural Committee was on hand to pitch his committee's ideas. Tentative

plans were approved Monday to paint a mural along the wall of the H&R Block building at the corner of Third and Main. The location is being considered as well as two others Moss said.

According to May, his goal was to produce a set of murals similar to those in Chillicothe, Mo., demonstrating the city's growth over the years.

Other items on the agenda were several changes in zoning ordinances, the rights of subdivision owners and a program introduced by the Maryville Optimist Club entitled "Promise Yourself to Be Drug Free." The program is intended to reach elementary school children.

Several of the issues, such as granting subdivision owners the rights to choose asphalt over concrete and a decision by the city to adopt a new International Fire Code Modification were postponed until the next meeting to allow time for the members to reflect on the issues.

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MAYOR RON MOSS
ON MARYVILLE'S ANTIQUATED
SEWER AND WATER LINES

Residents shake a leg with last night's 'Dance Fever'

By JARED LITTLEJOHN
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The dancing shoes were out last night at the Maryville Community Center.

Maryville Parks and Recreation hosted dance lessons for teenagers and adults. The dances ranged anywhere from country to hip-hop.

Running the event is Creative and Expressive Program Director Donna Lindenmeier. Lindenmeier's program is a part of the Bearcat Leisure Services which provides fun and learning experiences all over the community.

"The recreation students in the Creative and Expressive Program's class offer the community members a variety of leisure programs," Lindenmeier said.

Each program is hosted by students with a type of recreational major. Dance Fever was

hosted by therapeutic recreation majors Megan Leif and Brooke Gepner.

"It's a good experience because I'm going into the profession," Leif said. "The more I do, the more comfortable I become."

Gepner agrees with Leif that the classes not only give her experience, but also gives her ideas for when she begins her career.

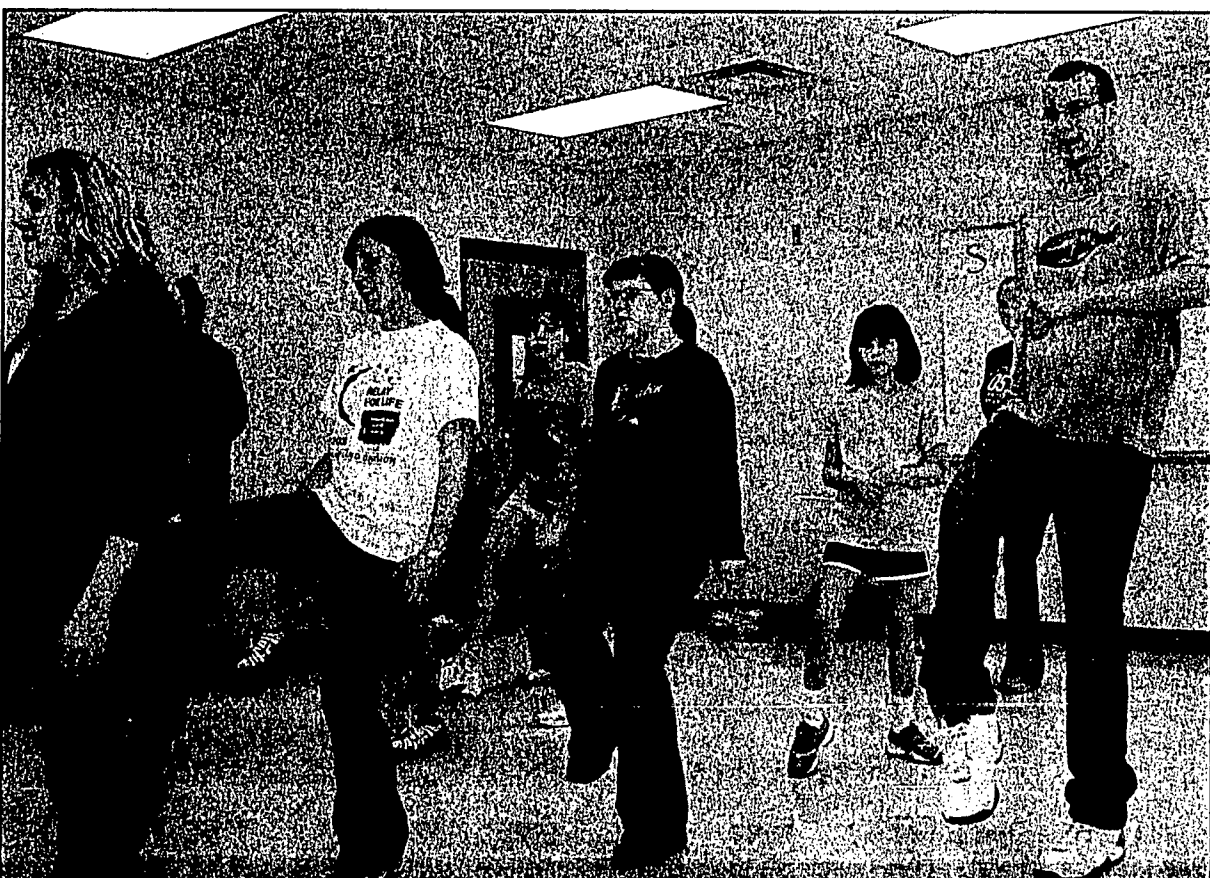
"It gives me experience and helps me to be more creative," Gepner said.

The money received for the lessons profits the Maryville Parks and Recreation to pay for supplies and future events.

"We set up recreation leisure programs for people to have fun," Lindenmeier said.

For information on future events contact the Maryville Parks and Recreation at 562-2923.

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Northwest therapeutic recreation majors Brooke Gepner and Megan Leif (far left) join community members in a country dance step at the Maryville Community Center last night. Bryce Lemke of Country Faith (right) led the group in a dance called "Wild Wild West."

Community events

Thurs.	1	■ April Fool's Day
Fri.	2	■ Fish Fry/Potato Bar, 5-7 p.m., St. Gregory's Church
Sat.	3	■ Easter Story Hour, 10:15 a.m., Maryville Public Library
Sun.	4	■ Palm Sunday ■ Daylight Savings Time
Mon.	5	■ Women In Need Gaining Support Group, 6-7:30 p.m., Maryville Children and Family Center
Tues.	6	■ TOPS, 6 p.m., First Christian Church
Wed.	7	■ Seder Supper, 6:30 p.m., St. Paul's

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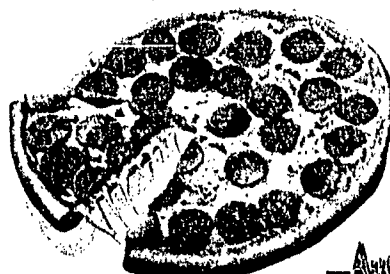
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Our View

Politics of bigotry

Proposed Missouri gay marriage ban will write discrimination into the state constitution.

With the Missouri House currently discussing amending the state constitution to define marriage between a man and a woman, the question must be asked: What is the true motivation behind this proposed amendment? Last month, the Missouri Senate passed the measure by a vote of 26-6, and if the House approves the issue, it will go on the Nov. 2 ballot.

While no one would argue that citizens should have every right to voice their opinion on this matter, an existing law already declares it state policy "to recognize marriage only between a man and a woman" and specifies that the state will not recognize same-sex marriages granted by another state. For this reason Gov. Bob Holden has publicly declared this amendment unnecessary.

So why would a Republican-led Senate and House want to put this proposal on the Nov. 2 ballot? Simple—to draw social conservatives to the polls.

While we at *The Missourian* believe writing discrimination of any kind into the state constitution is abominable, the political motivation behind this is perhaps even more troubling. The fact that near-sighted politicians not only can't see the desecration of civil rights they're proposing, but to use this issue to draw right-leaning voters who otherwise would not vote to the polls shows the true dark and nauseating side of politics.

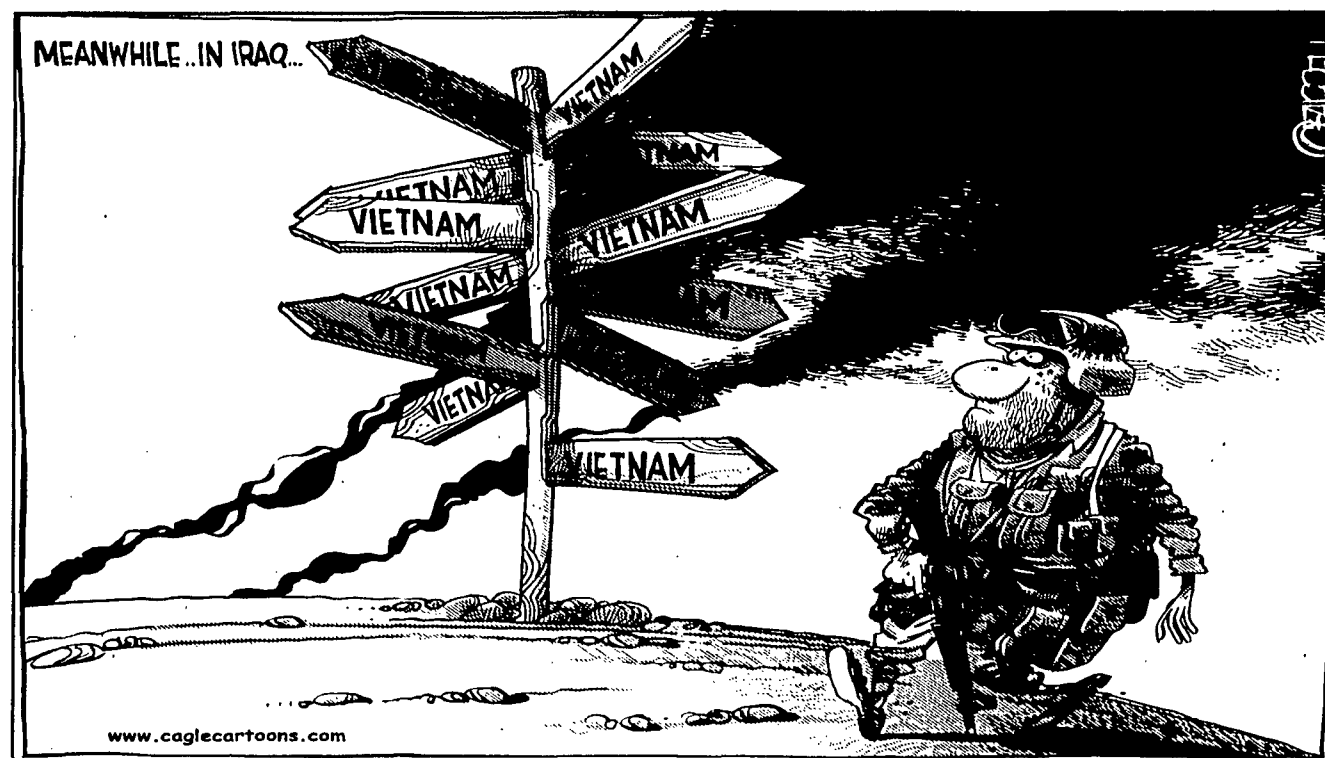
As Missouri throws itself into this national debate with these recent events, it's a shame that our state could not take a more forward-thinking approach to this issue. In the not-so distant future, Americans will look back and hang our heads, shameful and disgusted that such a freedom was ever in question. It is truly a sad state of affairs when a country that declares itself a moral model for the rest of the world refuses to adhere to the most steadfast civil rights principle on which it was founded—that of equal rights for all.

And while religious groups denounce the idea of allowing gay couples the right to marry, they are forgetting some of the most fundamental teachings that they claim to follow. The importance of the freedoms of a segment of our society is often lost among the deaf ears of the self-professed righteous, who declare homosexuality to be morally wrong. These arguments made from religious and moral principles are moot when it comes to adhering to the basic rights granted to all U.S. citizens regardless of race, creed, sex, religion—or sexual orientation—the hypocrisy within such an argument can be plainly seen in the Bible's golden rule: Love thy neighbor as thyself. And while it's crucial to respect each other's religion, we must never compromise the freedoms of Americans.

When will we learn from our mistakes? After some of the darkest periods of American history, including slavery, segregation, the Japanese internment camps following the Pearl Harbor attacks and the Red Scare, it's nothing short of a colossal mistake to deny the merits of marriage to same-sex couples simply on the basis of their sexual orientation.

With such opposition for the rights for homosexuals to marry, it will, sadly enough, appear that the United States will have actually regressed in terms of societal progression. But it's never too late to learn from our mistakes. And with Missouri lawmakers using this issue to perhaps further their own political agenda, Missourians, in particular, should be ashamed of their elected officials—as the legislators should be of themselves.

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Pride surfaces for the next generation

Nothing inspires me quite like the next generation fighting on behalf of their educators.

A sincere "bravo" to the Maryville High School student body. Even if John Pelzer, Randall Cook and Kelsey Pickering never coach another game or teach another class at MHS, you will have shown them that their work here in Maryville wasn't in vain.

Education can't work unless the students themselves care. A teacher can teach with every last breath in his or her body, but it can only do so much good unless the students understand the value of the knowledge with which they're being presented.

I never sat in on a class with any of these three teachers and coaches, but from the sights and sounds of the throng of students who marched through Maryville in support of them, the most important people in the Maryville school system care more than enough.

Perhaps the Board of Education does have substantial reasoning to not offer contracts to these three individuals, but as yet nobody can understand that reason until it is explained. The students haven't received even a remote explanation; all they've had to go on are rumors and speculation.

Facts have become somewhat more available: Pickering, an in-school suspension teacher, had his position cut, while the Board of Education gave Pelzer the reasons for not

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being offered a new contract. However, under advice from his lawyer, he only says that he's not satisfied with those reasons and has no further comment at this time.

If the Board of Education is on public trial here, then the 250 students of MHS who walked out of school in protest and accepted zeroes for missed classes and one-game activity suspensions would be strong eyewitnesses.

They know these coaches and teachers from their experiences with them on the athletic field and in the classroom. Their say, above all, needs to be heard.

If nothing else, their show of support showed that these teachers had to have been doing something right—they reached some people, a lot of people.

The Board of Education hasn't helped itself a great deal lately. People are basing

their opinions on rumors and hearsay. That won't help the school board or the teachers/coaches in question. If nothing else, it will only lead to more turmoil.

Reese has raised the point that when five faculty members were let go last year, nobody raised an eyebrow, as well as stating that the uproar revolves around the value of these individuals as coaches and not as teachers. His point is a valid one.

Bear in mind, schools exist first to educate, second to provide social and extracurricular activities. Remember, the schools can exist without the athletic department. High school athletics can't exist without schools. If the misplaced priorities of our major universities are to change, we need to start at the source.

This has all happened suddenly, unexpectedly, and without a great deal of clear explanation. There's nothing but rumors, rumors, and more rumors. The students have the right idea: that the only way to sort out who was acting in the best interest of their education—these coaches and teachers or the school board—is for both sides to be heard.

The school board deserves at least the benefit of the doubt. However, they can't have much more until this game of "it was the right thing to do but we won't tell you why" comes to an end. We can't support one side or the other until someone starts some kind of informed dialogue.

Students must speak up for all educators

It's a shame, really. In what seems to be some sort of shady townie conspiracy, the best entertainment Maryville has to offer always occurs when Northwest's own student population has long since participated in a mass exodus from the city.

Last week, it was in the form of Maryville's own Boston Tea Party. This time around it was a few teacher/coaches who were dumped, and the brave dissenters took the form of a dozen or so Maryville High School students who took to the streets to voice their dissatisfaction with the School Board's seemingly unfair taxation—er, executive decision. The remaining 200 who joined them certainly enjoyed the joywalk.

Yes, it was with mild amusement that I caught up with the drama in the local newspapers. There was also a certain tug at the ol' heartstrings, a longing for what seems centuries gone by. It was so long ago that I was an idealistic young whippersnapper, eager to right each and every wrong my high-school-sized world had to offer. Perhaps the attraction lied within the glorious attention I drew as I walked my hometown's own Green Mile to in-school-suspension, my classmates' heads bowed and fists raised in an honor only teenagers know.

These days, it's with a cocktail of shame and relief that I compare that long-dead self to the jaded, overweight and excessively tired me, a new and not-so-improved version whose voice bravely rises above the din of the bar only when the lime in my Corona is sliced too thin.

Therefore, as has already been clearly es-

My View

ABBY SIMONS
EDITOR IN CHIEF



tablished by the community, hats off to the kids. Way to stand tall and walk far—really freaking far. Yet, as you and many of your parents continue the congratulatory high-fives for the recent rebellion, take a moment to re-evaluate that perhaps yours was for the wrong reasons.

I caught an interesting quote from recently-resigned Superintendent Jay Reese in the March 24 *Maryville Daily Forum*. His tradition of understated wisdom when commenting to the press is why I'm truly sad to see the man go.

"The unfortunate part of that is that all of it has revolved around coaching," he said in reference to the Hundred 'Hound March.

"Last year we didn't re-employ five teachers, a counselor, an administrator and five other positions that weren't filled, we didn't get one phone call. To me that's an unfortunate statement, but a lot of people get excited about our extracurricular activities, and wouldn't it be nice if they would get as excited as to who is going to teach science."

Amen, Mr. Reese.

Granted, the positions he mentioned were not contracts the board simply opted not to renew without explanation, as is the case now. Each of the positions back then became vacant through retirement or other voluntary departures, and they simply weren't replaced.

Yet, while both the elementary and middle schools now share a guidance counselor, and one high school science teacher is completely out of the picture—along with other basic positions that should be mandatory in any school—this community nods its head, sympathetic of the district's continuously waning budget.

Yet, when three teachers who just so happen to be coaches are out of the picture, all hell breaks loose. And, while there's no doubt these men were talented and moving teachers, somehow I doubt the community backlash was a result of further educational sacrifice, rather than perhaps a now-questionable future of the local football and girls' basketball teams.

Or perhaps cynicism is just rearing its ugly head once again. Either way, students and supporters of the Maryville R-II School District, continue to stand up for your teachers—all of them. They're overworked, underpaid and, in this time of economic crisis, it's clear that virtually no position is safe from elimination.

And as for job insurance in the form of community support, well, there just aren't enough coaching positions for everyone.

YOUR VIEW

What did you do for spring break?



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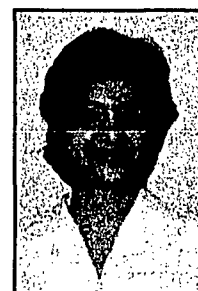
"I went with nine of my friends to South Padre."

Lindsey Frerking
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"Worked on term papers and went on a couple dates with my girlfriend."

Stephen Beinor
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"I spent it with my friend Kisha in St. Louis. She took me all over the place. We went to the top of the Arch, where we got motion sickness, went to the science center and Union Station, where I got picked on by the fudge-making guys."

Praveena Kandasami
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"I just stayed in Maryville and I was working on my papers because I have a 30-page paper that was due [Tuesday]. I just had a chance to go to Kansas City once on Sunday. We just went shopping and out to eat. It was something different from here because I would go crazy if I would have stayed here all break."

Leana Grinchuck
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Tax levy seeks to improve city roads, economy

example, \$5.54 per month on a residential property valued at \$100,000. It would cost \$5.60 per month on a 160-acre farm valued at \$1,000 per acre. Both increases are about 18 cents per day.

The project includes Icon Road, Jade Road (old Route CC), 270th Street (old Route V west of Parkdale), South Depot, South Hester, Jet Drive (north from Maryville Metal Culvert), 250th Street from Jet Road west to Jade Road and Hawk Road past the Maryville Airport to the Community Building.

The tax levy would also benefit residents and visitors to Donaldson Westside Park and the Maryville Community Center, said Rod Auxier, director of Maryville Parks and Recreation.

"It would give them better access getting in and out of the facility and back to their homes," Auxier said.

Auxier added that better access to the facilities would assist Maryville Parks and Recreation in attracting new consumers from outside the city. The improved access, Auxier said, would also benefit Parks and Recreation's expanding program such as the Sizzle Hoops basketball team.

However, Maryville resident Gary Kinder said he disagrees with Polk Township's tax levy proposal. He believes South Main Street's afternoon congestion needs to be solved before Polk

Township's proposed roads project.

"My thoughts are that it's all well and fine that we need to address these problems, but there are problems that are more important that we need to address first, such as South Main Street," Kinder said.

Kinder travels on South Main Street every day to reach his work place, O'Reilly Auto Parts. He said the intersections on South Main Street like Wal-Mart and O'Reilly are dangerous during late afternoon.

"The congestion is just horrific, that we need two other side streets to relieve the congestion on Main Street," Kinder said.

His solution to the problem and a suggestion to the Polk Township and its partnership with the City of Maryville and Nodaway County, is for the three to prioritize the road projects and put South Main Street first.

"South Main is the lifeblood of the community right now," Kinder said. "The congestion in the afternoon is just horrendous."

When Kinder votes on April 6, he will vote "no" on Polk Township's tax levy.

"I don't believe those are the priorities that we need to go with right now," Kinder said.

Regardless of his opposition, he said he thinks it's important for Maryville resi-

dents to vote on the tax levy.

"Oh, definitely, because it's vitally important," Kinder said. "It's a big step in the future of the community."

Polk Township trustee Greg Fisher said if the tax levy is passed, the collection of it will begin in November. He adds that the local tax money will stay in Maryville and every dollar collected will be spent on the roads. Construction on the \$2.3 million project will start in the summer of 2005 and will be completed by 2008.

Besides improved access to Maryville businesses and Parks and Recreation facilities, other benefits of the tax levy include reduced emergency response time, improved road safety, reduced auto repair and better access to Northwest Missouri State University, industrial plants and Maryville Middle and High Schools.

More importantly, it will improve Maryville's transportation system for the future of the city's economy.

"The transportation system is just as important to our economic development as Highway 71's access to interstate highways to St. Joseph, Kansas City and beyond," Fisher said. "If we don't make these improvements now, it's going to take years and years to get the work done."

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Malpractice lawsuits threaten medical professionals

right in the middle of labor there is a problem that can be catastrophic for both baby and mom and there is no way of predicting it."

The Missouri House of Representatives has drafted legislation addressing this issue. If signed by Gov. Holden, House Bill 1304 will place a \$350,000 cap on non-economic damages such as grief and distress, while not limiting the amount a patient could retrieve for things such as medical bills and lost wages.

According to state Rep. Brad Lager, one of the main reasons the bill should be passed is because of the dramatic decrease in the state's physicians.

"This year there are 262 less doctors practicing medicine in the state," Lager said. "We have to get our hands around and fix this problem or doctors are going to continue to leave."

Conversely, Gale Carpenter, a staff attorney at Montee Law Firm in Maryville, doesn't agree with the proposed bill.

"I absolutely do not think a cap should be placed. Sometimes no

amount of money can compensate a victims' loss," Carpenter said. "My view is that all lawsuits are stressful, but professionals make mistakes, humans make mistakes. That is why there is medical malpractice insurance. This doesn't mean that these doctors are incompetent, but if they harm patients, a lawsuit should be filed and victims should be adequately compensated."

The bill will also have a provision that will prevent lawyers from having the change of venue option, meaning that a lawsuit must be filed where the incident took place.

Harr agreed this restriction is crucial.

"There are certain areas in the state that have a lottery mentality. It's not based on the merits of the case or how well the case was presented," Harr said. "Some juries are going to give away more money. They figure because the money is there, they can make an award that is simply outrageous."

Carpenter refuted that there are other reasons why lawyers ask for a change of venue and that there are al-

ready safeguards in place.

"A lawyer does not have unlimited options (when venue shopping). They have to choose from either where the defendant can be found or where the injury takes place," Carpenter said. "Then out of those options they try to choose which place is the most accessible and convenient (for all parties)."

The bill also addresses the issue of joint and several liability to ensure that doctors will only pay the percentage of the lawsuit that they are responsible for.

"When a lawsuit is filed, any doctor that has seen that patient under any circumstance is liable to be named in the suit," Harr said. "Also, currently, whoever has the deepest pocket pays the most."

Harr conceded that many groups contribute to this problem.

"I think that there is a lot of finger pointing going on," Harr said. "The trial attorneys say it's all the insurance company's fault and physicians don't like the greedy trial attorneys. You can't just point a finger at one group; it's multifaceted and very complex."

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Monks visit Northwest to share culture of enlightenment

"I think it's incredible that they're here, it's probably one of the better experiences Northwest has been a part of," said sophomore political science major Josh Davison. "It really is a bit of a culture shock for this community. Most of us are from the Midwest, and this shows for Northwest what hard work, dedication and spending your money can do. It brought these guys here."

It's only part of the threefold message of culture, politics and fund-raising that the tour intends to spread. After Communist China's 1959 invasion of Tibet, in which 6,000 monasteries were destroyed, the monks followed their spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama, into exile in India in hopes of preserving their culture and religion. The more than 1,500 monks at the Drepung Gomang monastery, located on the western coast of India, continue to welcome hundreds of refugees a year to study and live as monks. Chil-

dren as young as 5 years old have fled their homeland to live at the monastery.

"Still today, many Tibetan monks, nuns and students cross many mountains to be able to live peacefully," said Kelsang, who was born in Nepal and joined the monastery at age 7. "All Tibetan children should have an equal opportunity to learn their own language and culture, but they force them to learn different. They tried to forget our Tibetan culture."

However, the task of housing so many monks is not an easy one. While the monks are largely self-sufficient, the tour is also a fund-raising effort to feed and shelter the monastery.

Through such education, citizens even in Maryville can take part in making a difference for the oppressed Tibetans, according to Matt Johnson, instructor of history, humanities and political science.

"Children in Tibet are taught in Chinese, and their entire culture is being replaced in force by the Communist Chinese," said Johnson, who played a major role in organizing the visit. "The only solution is education, and that starts right here."

With support, Kelsang said, one day the Drepung Gomang monks, as well as other Tibetans, may one day regain their long-lost freedoms.

"We want to get our voices to free states, and free Tibet of Chinese Communism," Kelsang said. "His Holiness, the 14th Dalai Lama, our spiritual leader, and six million Tibetan people are expecting one day to be free. That is our dream so far."

In support of the Drepung Gomang monks, as well as other victims of the Chinese Communist occupation of Tibet, Amnesty International and Students for a Free Tibet will sponsor a 19 and over concert at the Pub at 9 p.m. Friday featuring Tabla Rasa and Raising Gray.

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Maryville students march to express support for coaches

reapply for their jobs again," Raffel said.

However, Reese said under the Board of Education's grievance policy, it does not apply to employment.

Right now, Pelzer said he is fighting the board's decision and he will not comment until the issue has been resolved.

Every spring the Board of Education is required by law to inform each teacher by April 15 as to whether or not their contract will be renewed for the following year.

By law, the motion must be made in the affirmative, which means it has to be a motion to employ. Four affirmative votes are needed from the board to move to employ.

Board members Boyles, Larry Rusco, Melinda Fulton, Mark Watkins and Marla Burnside voted at the board's closed meeting March 23 not to retain Cook and Pickering. All members except for Burnside, who abstained, voted not to retain Pelzer. Board members absent from the meeting included Ron Vandiver and Jelavich.

Rusco said he would not comment on the board's decision due to Missouri state law.

In demand of answers, students voiced their support for high

school coaches.

A small crowd of students gathered outside the school to protest March 24. The protest soon became a march of approximately 250 students who traveled throughout Maryville. Among several stops made were at businesses owned by board members Watkins and Boyles.

Senior Nate Cracraft, who played a significant part in leading the rally of chanting students, remains unsure of its effect on the board in terms of elaborating on or reversing their decision.

"It got a lot of attention, but I think the school board members are going to be afraid that if they don't stick with their decision, they won't be able to make good decisions and stick with them later," he said.

Nevertheless, Cracraft, a participant in track and football under Pelzer, remains steadfast in a quest for answers regarding his coach's fate.

"I want an explanation," he said. "I know a lot of people do."

Raffel believes that the Board of Education should have consulted the community in its decision.

"I think more input from parents (is needed)," Raffel said. "I now feel that every teacher who I think is doing a good job teaching

that I need to go write a letter to every school board member and say 'boy, this person takes the time to call you when there is a problem and this person really cares about the progress my son is making.'"

Raffel said she hopes that the outcome of this issue would be not to lose the teachers.

"But if that does not happen, then hopefully the administration and the school board will look at the process that they used and see if there's improvements that they could make to it, to incorporate in some way parents and students input," Raffel said.

The current situation could have been prevented with student representation on the board, said junior Kelli Dawson, who played basketball for Cook.

"I think the board should have listened to what the students had to say before they made a decision that would affect so many of us," she said. "I'm sure the board knows what they're doing, and have experienced a lot, but they're not in high school, interacting. We're the ones who interact with them and will have to go through having a new coach and a new teacher."

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America's Growing problem

By BETSY LEE
FEATURES EDITOR



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According to wheatfoods.org, the average American consumes 2,750 calories per day, far more than the recommended 2,200. America's obesity problem is directly related to overeating and lack of exercise.

In one of the 15 fattest cities in America, David Alvarado makes chocolates.

Each day the Kansas City chef is surrounded by Russell Stover's sweet temptations. And while he spends up to 12 hours a day creating smooth chocolate truffles and decadent caramels, Alvarado's goal is to lose 380 pounds.

"I'm just one of those people that if I touch a crumb I feel bloated," he said. "Losing weight is really a health issue for me. There are too many things that I'm missing out on because of my size. I love to travel for example, but I can't fit into the airplane seats."

Millions of Americans like Alvarado are in the fight to reach a healthy weight. More than 60 million Americans are considered obese, while another 127 million are overweight.

Both numbers have been rising rapidly since the 1990s. A 2000 Center for Disease Control report classified 38.8 million Americans as obese, meaning the number of obese Americans has increased by 55 percent in the last four years. To be classified as obese, an individual must have a body mass index of 30 or more. Overweight people have a body mass index of 25 or more. Body mass index is calculated by dividing weight in pounds by height in inches squared, then multiply the answer by 703.

According to the CDC, Missouri is definitely part of the problem. Between 20 and 24 percent of Missouri's population are obese. Men's Fitness Magazine labeled Kansas City as the 14th fattest city in the United States.

Poor diet and obesity can have devastating health effects. According to the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Disease, 300,000 deaths each year are attributed to poor diet and inactivity. Obesity is a risk factor for heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, stroke and cancer.

Most professionals agree that lack of activity is one of the major causes of obesity. Northwest Registered and Licensed Dietician Molly Driftmier agrees. "We are such a technology-based society," Driftmier said. "We don't engage in any type of manual labor anymore."

The American Obesity Association also cites modernization as a cause for the increasing problem with obesity. The organization reports that simple advances like the elevator and escalator contribute to a lack of physical activity.

In addition to lack of exercise, Driftmier said the majority of people simply eat too much of the wrong foods.

"If you eat more calories than you expend, you are going to gain weight," Driftmier said. About 3,500 calories equal one pound. A McDonald's Big Mac and super-sized fries is 1,100 calories. Wash it down with a 32-oz Coke and add an additional 310 calories.

Eating the wrong types of food is something Alvarado can relate to. Alvarado was an average-sized young adult until a series of high-stress jobs had him cruising through the drive-thru more often than he cooked at home.

"I think fast food has contributed tremendously. They've made it too cheap and too convenient," Alvarado said. "People just don't have time to sit down at

the dinner table anymore."

Fast-paced lifestyle and easy access to fast food directly contributes to America's growing girth. Americans spent \$129 billion on fast food in 2002. According to the Focus on Family Institute, this figure has doubled from a decade ago.

In response to the growing publicity about obesity, the McDonald's Corporation recently decided to phase out its super-size menu. Health Center Director Virginia Murr believes this is a step in the right direction.

"It makes a statement," Murr said. "Somebody might listen more to McDonald's than to what I have to say."

What Murr hopes people avoid is the "quick-fix" offered by fad diets. Americans spend more than \$33 billion on diet products each year according to the Focus on Family Institute.

"We want quick fixes," Murr said. I had a student come in not too long ago who wanted to lose 15 pounds in one month."

Currently, one of the most popular fad diets is the Atkins program. The low-carbohydrate diet program has recently become mainstream. Restaurants like Subway and Hardee's now offer low-carb menus to appeal to Atkins dieters.

Hardee's Manager Sandy Cochran said Hardee's is now offers three low-carb menu items. According to Cochran, the items are selling well.

"Last lunchtime we prepared two double-thickburgers and 17 of the singles," Cochran said, referring to one of the low-carb menu items called the "Thickburger."

Murr worries about the emphasis on diets that don't involve moderation. She said she has seen no evidence that restrictive diets work. According to Driftmier, a balanced diet is always best.

"Couple a healthy diet with exercise and you will lose weight much faster than with the fad diets," Driftmier said.

In order to combat the growing problem with obesity and the lack of education surrounding the issue, the University began a new initiative this month. The initiative, Healthy Campus 2010, will identify issues like obesity and then develop ways to combat the problem.

"We know that we have limited resources, but the goals of lifetime wellness are still here," Murr said, referring to recent cuts in lifetime wellness programs. "We are not going to stop doing stuff because money isn't there."

Alvarado also believes wellness education is imperative. This summer, as part of a citywide nutrition and physical education program called Kid Power KC, he taught kids ages 9 to 13 healthy eating strategies.

"Kids just don't know any better. They grew up thinking that dinner comes in a plastic wrapper. When I was a kid I was abnormal, I was the only fat kid. Now more than one-half of kids are overweight or chubby," Alvarado said. "I can stand up in front of them and say, 'Look at me.' I just want to help at least one person not have to go through what I'm going through."

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City celebrates squads' basketball successes

By JEROME BOETTCHER
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

"When our basketball days are over with, you'll have nothing else to go back to," said an appreciative Kelvin Parker on Wednesday night.

At a special pep rally sponsored by the Maryville Chamber of Commerce to honor the players of the four basketball teams from Maryville, Matt Gaarder, the play-by-play announcer at 97.1 KNIM, emceed the event and summed it up perfectly: it was about the players.

Gaarder first introduced Ron Moss, the mayor of Maryville, who stressed the importance of team and teamwork.

Then, Rod Barr, vice president of the booster club came up and said a few words. He said there were many meanings of the word "winner" on dictionary.com, but there was a new meaning, in his mind, due to the success of the teams.

"The word winner should now mean the Northwest Bearcats and the Maryville Spoofhounds," he said.

Gaarder then proceeded to play the clips of the calls of memorable games that he and play-by-play announcer John Coffey announced. For the Maryville girls' team, it was a shot hit by Abby Walter in the 'Hounds' momentous win over the Savannah Savages, their first win over the Savages in 10 years. Then Gaarder played the clip of Nate Morley's game-winning shot in Columbia at the semifinals of the class 3 state basketball championships.

Next was Jane Chalmers' running jumper with less than two seconds left that beat Southwest Baptist early on in the year.

Finally, the clip of Jesse Shaw's game-winning shot to win the South Central Regional Championship was played.

After that the teams were introduced. Please see "Community" page 5B



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Northwest quarterbacks Josh Matthews and Josh Lamberson take snaps during practice. The Bearcats have their first spring scrimmage at 4 p.m. next Thursday.

Spring football opens camp with two new coaches

By BILL KNUST
SENIOR REPORTER

It has been an unusual winter for Bearcats' head coach Mel Tjeerdsma. The departure of offensive coordinator Jim Svoboda and defensive line coach/strength coach Jon Gustafson has meant new blood now fills the 'Cats' coaching staff.

Bart Tatum assumed Svoboda's role of offensive coordinator and quarterback's coach. The staff then hired Adam Dorrel to take over Tatum's offensive line duties. Dorrel played and coached for the 'Cats and was coaching at William Jewell College when the job opened.

"Nobody hates to see Jim and Gus go more than I do, but on the other hand, I am excited about the

two guys we brought in, Adam and Rich (Wright)," Tjeerdsma said. "The fact that new people create new enthusiasm and sometimes you need a little blood transfusion. I think that energy is out there, too, this spring."

Wright was also a graduate assistant for the Bearcats during the '95 and '96 seasons. He was the defensive coordinator at St. Ambrose University before coming to Northwest.

Although both coaches had previous ties to the University, Tjeerdsma looked at three candidates for each position.

"It would have been easy to go out and just hire these guys without interviewing anyone else," Tjeerdsma said.

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Bearcats fall to Southern Indiana by 7

By COLE YOUNG
SPORTS EDITOR

BAKERSFIELD Calif.— The Bearcats never saw the Screaming Eagles coming.

In the NCAA Elite Eight last Wednesday, Northwest found themselves down 20 points with 10:03 left in the first half on their way to a 88-81 season-ending loss.

The 'Cats made just one of their first six shots, including three three-point attempts, to fall behind 13-2.

"We didn't hit shots we normally hit," sophomore forward Austin Meyer said. "We started hitting some big shots in the second half but it was just too late."

Early on the Bearcats struggled to stop the inside-outside game of the Eagles.

For each outside shot Southern Indiana would hit, they would seem to counter it with an basket by either center Randy Holbrook or center John Oden.

The pair combined for 11 first half points, mostly in the first minutes of the game.

"They were a lot like Washburn," said junior forward Byron Jackson of their inside play. "I had played against Oden in high school. He is a big and athletic center. It was a lot like what Washburn has."

Two free throws by junior point guard Sky Wilson closed the game to 36-26 with 2:21 left in the first half.

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PHOTO BY COLEYOUNG/SPORTS EDITOR

Junior point guard Sky Wilson passes the ball during a fast break in the Bearcat's game against Southern Indiana last Wednesday.

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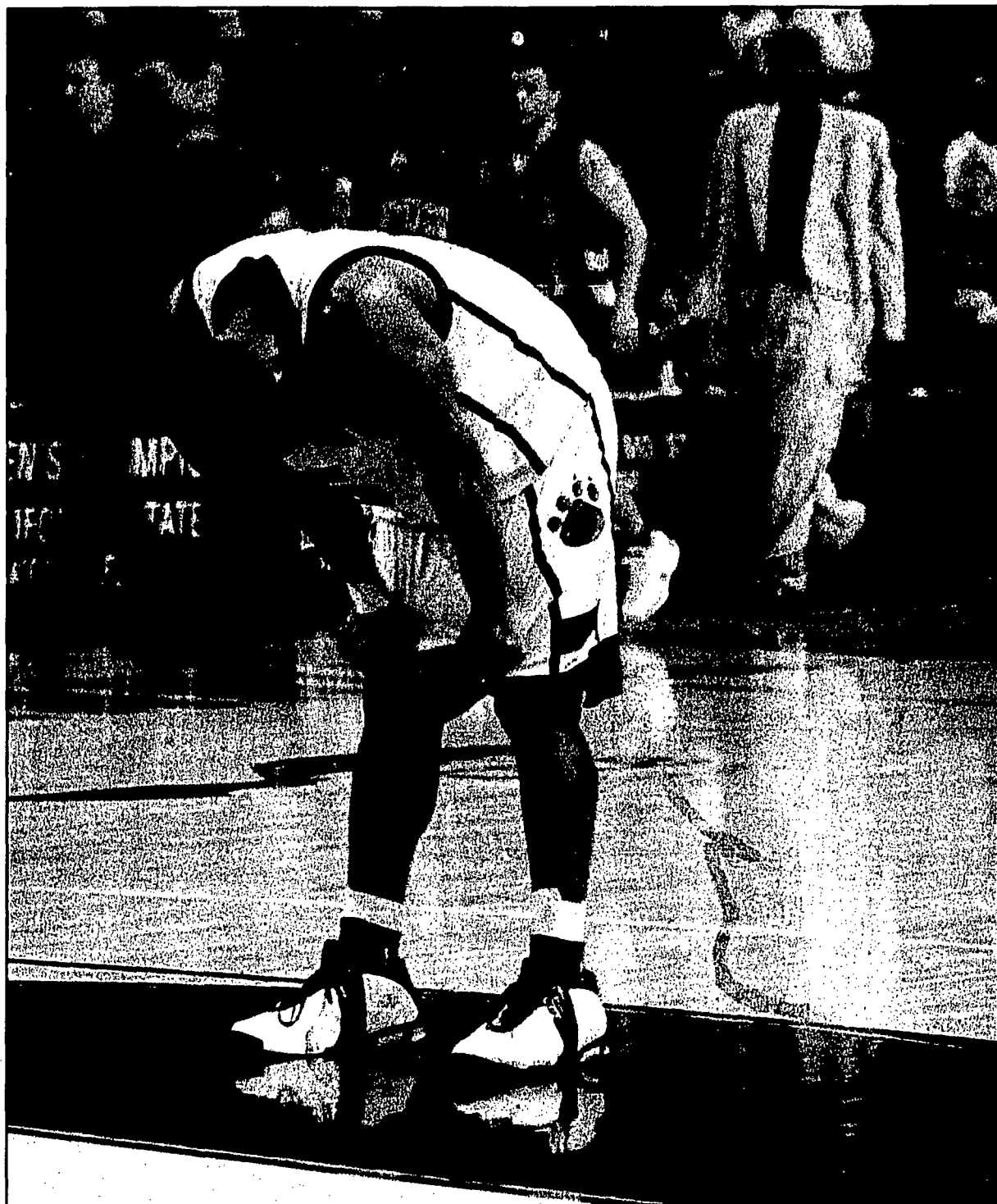


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All-American Kelvin Parker stands alone at the free-throw line after Northwest's season-ending loss to Southern Indiana last Wednesday. Parker finished the game with 22 points to lead all scorers in the game. The 88-81 loss ended the Bearcats' season at 29-5.

Inexperience turns to success for Bearcats

By BILL KNUST
SENIOR REPORTER

What looked like a team full of inexperience, turned out to be a team that advanced to the Elite Eight for the second time in three years.

Who would've of thought it? Men's head coach Steve Tappmeyer said from the start that with only three returning players with experience, he did not expect to go to the Elite Eight.

But with a team that jelled and became as tight-knit off the court as it was on the court, it became apparent that anything was possible.

Although the 'Cats ended their season three games short of where

they wanted to, Tappmeyer remained steadfast in someday winning it all.

"We plan on trying to do whatever we can to get back here," Tappmeyer said.

The thing that hurts him right now though is saying goodbye to the seniors.

"We lost a great player in Kelvin (Parker) and we lose some other great seniors too with Keanan (Weir) and a couple of other guys that will have to be replaced," Tappmeyer said.

For Parker, his career at Northwest has come to a close, but his achievements read like a four-page laundry list:

MVP of the MIAA, the MIAA

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NW	Inside the game	SIU
81	Points	88
28	Rebounds	36
12	Assists	16
12	Turnovers	16
26	Pts. in the paint	30
8	Fastbreak Pts.	6
19/25	Free Throws	25/32
13	Bench Points	24

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Taylor McClellan goes up for a basket during the sectional round of the Class 3 State basketball tournament. The senior helped lead Maryville to a second place finish.

Maryville's hopes for state title dashed by Centralia

'Hounds finish second in state for the first time since 1995 season

By ANTHONY THIENS
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Maryville basketball team went to Columbia with aspirations of bringing home their first state title since 1937.

Prior to the Championship game, talk around the Hearnes Center focused on a Centralia rout over Maryville that would see the game end in a running clock.

"Our game plan was to be patient on offense and work the ball around," Maryville head coach Mike Kuwritzky said. "On defense, we needed to keep them out of the paint because we saw they scored most of their points in the paint."

The first half featured nine lead changes and the 'Hounds were able to take a 15-14 lead into halftime.

Coming out of halftime, Maryville was able to take a six-point lead half-

way through the third quarter thanks to a 3-pointer by junior Syd Brisbane.

Centralia would then go on a 13-0 run that would not see the 'Hounds score another point until 4 minutes, 54 seconds remaining in the game.

Centralia used strength and punishment to send the 'Hounds looking for answers. Things worsened when a Centralia player knocked Morley to the ground, forcing him to sit for most of the remainder of the game.

"There was a loose ball and me and another kid went for it" Morley said. "I tried to hit the ball to another teammate, but my head just hit the ground. I couldn't see much of anything and everything was blurry."

In the end, the scoreboard would read Centralia 41-32 champions over Maryville (25-7). However, for the abundance of Maryville Spoofhounds fans that made the journey to Columbia, it was worth it.

"Centralia just had more guns than us," Kuwritzky said. "They just had more size and were much more physical than us."

To advance to the championship game the 'Hound drew a tough semi-

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final game against the Mountain Grove Panthers. Using their typical stingy defense, Maryville was able to hold Mountain Grove to just 14 points in the first half in taking a 20-14 halftime lead.

With five minutes left in the game, Mountain Grove clung to a 38-29 lead.

That's when the 'Hounds went to work.

The 'Hounds were able to take the lead with less than a minute left. With 26 seconds left in the game, Mountain Grove was able to hit a jumper to pull the score even at 42-42.

The 'Hounds called a timeout to draw up one play to win the ballgame and play for a state title.

"Coach asked us what play we

Junior Syd Brisbane

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Bearcats' hopes for championship fall short with loss to Southern Indiana

but Southern Indiana went on a 6-0 run to end the half.

The 29-5 Bearcats were unable to regain their composure in the half and went into the break trailing 42-26.

To begin the second half, it appeared to be a completely new Northwest squad that took the floor.

Second-Team All-American Kelvin Parker scored five consecutive points on the way to a 12-0 run to start the half.

"We didn't do a lot of adjustments other than trying to challenge them to play like they had the entire year," head coach Steve Tappmeyer said.

The run caused Southern Indiana head coach Rick Herdes to call two quick timeouts.

After cutting their lead to 38-42,

the Eagles were able to extend the lead back to 47-38.

But Northwest wasn't done. Again they would cut into the lead 49-44 with a layup by junior forward Byron Jackson.

With 8:41 in the game, the Eagles took a 65-50 lead, squelching whatever momentum Northwest seemed to have gained.

"Early on they did a good job of making plays," Parker said. "We just dug ourselves a big hole early. You have to take your hats off to Southern Indiana."

The 'Cats found their three-point touch for a final time with 1:21 left in the game. After a layup and free throw by senior forward Keanan Weir, Northwest trailed by only eight.

Weir then hit a three-pointer to cut the lead back to six, 86-79.

Southern Indiana hit two free throws with four seconds left, ending the game and Northwest's season.

Northwest was led by Parker with 22 points. Jackson and Meyer each added 16 while Wilson chipped in 14.

Southern Indiana was led by Joe Gordon with 21 points.

Jackson led both squads with nine rebounds.

The loss brings the end to the career of four Bearcats, one of whom will be remembered for many seasons to come.

Parker finished his career with 1,740 points, the third most in Northwest history.

"We have guys who are freshman redshirts who five years from now are still going to be affected by Kelvin Parker," Tappmeyer said. "I can't put into words how privileged I have been to coach him."

Meyer, a player who will be looked upon to fill the void left by Parker, said there was more than just points that made him a good player.

"He is a great leader," Meyer said. "He's positive. He has been everything to the program and it is going to be tough without him."

Also, Meyer said as he takes on more of a leadership role, he hopes to be more vocal on the floor, much like Parker.

"With Kelvin, even if he wasn't scoring, you still had his presence on the floor," Meyer said.

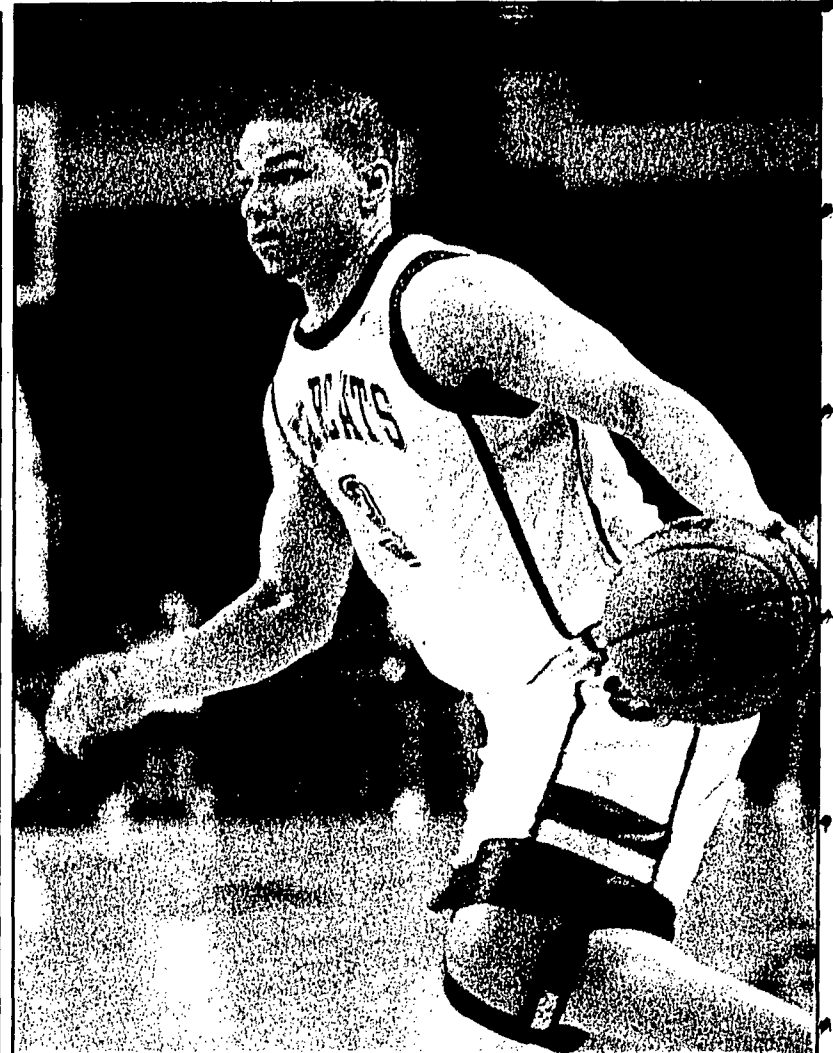


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Sky Wilson drives to the basket against Southern Indiana during the Elite Eight. Wilson finished the game with 14 points. He also made all 12 free throws he attempted in the game.

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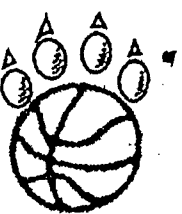
Basketball team takes inexperience, makes best of it for successful year

Defensive Player of the Year, MVP of the Sonic/MIAA Championship Tournament, Most Outstanding Player of the NCAA Division II South Central regional tournament, a finalist for the Bob Cousy Point Guard of the Year award to be handed out this weekend and a Daktronics Second-Team All-American. That is just his senior year.

As a junior he was named to the All-MIAA Defensive team and as a sophomore he was also the Most Outstanding Player of the NCAA Division II South Central regional tournament among other things.

The 'Cats will reload for next season and try and repeat as MIAA Tournament Champions. Their 29-4 record will not be easily duplicated, but with seven players returning that played more than 22 games, they will certainly have the bullseye on their back.

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Spring football kicks off with squad looking to fill empty spots

"But we wanted to find the best candidate and it was those guys."

One thing that won't be new this spring is the starting quarterback. After last year's duel between sophomore Josh Lamberson and junior T.J. Mandl, Lamberson has a firm grip on the position entering his junior year.

"This year, it allows us, knowing Josh Lamberson is our quarterback and knowing what he can do, it allows us to work on things that are going to give him the chance to be the best that he can be," Tjeerdsma said.

One of Tjeerdsma's main concerns heading into spring practice was finding offensive linemen to fill in for three seniors that departed.

"We have to establish some consistency in our offensive line," Tjeerdsma said. "I would probably say that's our No. 1 goal this spring."

Diary entries revealed from Colorado scandal

By MEAGAN BALINK
COLORADO DAILY (U. COLORADO)

(U-WIRE) BOULDER, Colo. — The parents and attorneys of Lisa Simpson, the woman whose rape allegations against University of Colorado football recruits and players sparked the school's recruiting scandal, are angry about the public dissemination of her court-sealed diary entries.

Simpson's attorneys, from the law firm Hutchinson, Black and Cook, are angry that excerpts from the diary were published because they are under protective seal, meaning only Simpson's and CU attorneys have access to them.

It is unclear how local publications The Rocky Mountain News and Longmont Daily Times obtained the excerpts, though Lisa Simon, a spokesperson for Simpson's attorneys, told the Colorado Daily they did not dispute the validity of the excerpts.

Simpson's parents, Rick and Karen Burd, placed the blame squarely on CU and expressed their displeasure with the university

Wednesday in a written statement.

"The release of portions of Lisa's diary, which were ordered sealed by the judge, is another in a series of unconscionable acts by the university," they wrote. "These attacks on our daughter and the other rape victims show just how desperate the university is to protect itself instead of getting to the bottom of the issues."

Last month, Hutchinson, Black and Cook filed a sealed motion for court sanctions against CU but have not revealed the cause of their request.

CU spokesperson Michelle Ames told the Colorado Daily Wednesday that she could not discuss the matter because of a court order.

"We've opposed the motion for sanctions against us," said Ames. "We respect the rules of the court and the privacy of the individuals involved."

The excerpts were contained in Simpson's Dec. 12, 2003, deposition, taken as part of her federal lawsuit against CU, filed under a gender-equity law known as Title IX. Copies of the deposition re-

leased to the public by CU in early February had the portions of testimony on the diary entries blacked out.

The publications reported that they obtained the unredacted portions of the deposition.

In the deposition, University Attorney Kay Rice questioned Simpson on the entries. Simpson responded that she was angry about the alleged rape. "And my journal was a very private place for me where I could release all of my most inner feelings," said Simpson in deposition testimony.

According to an Associated Press story, Simpson wrote in her diary that she wanted to "ruin the lives" of the football players, who were allegedly present at the December 2001 off-campus party during which Simpson claims she was gang-raped.

"I know that I probably should not take so much pleasure in this, but I am happy to know that some of my pain is now being felt by these boys," Simpson wrote in her diary. "God help me, I will ruin the lives of [five named CU players], and whoever the recruits are."

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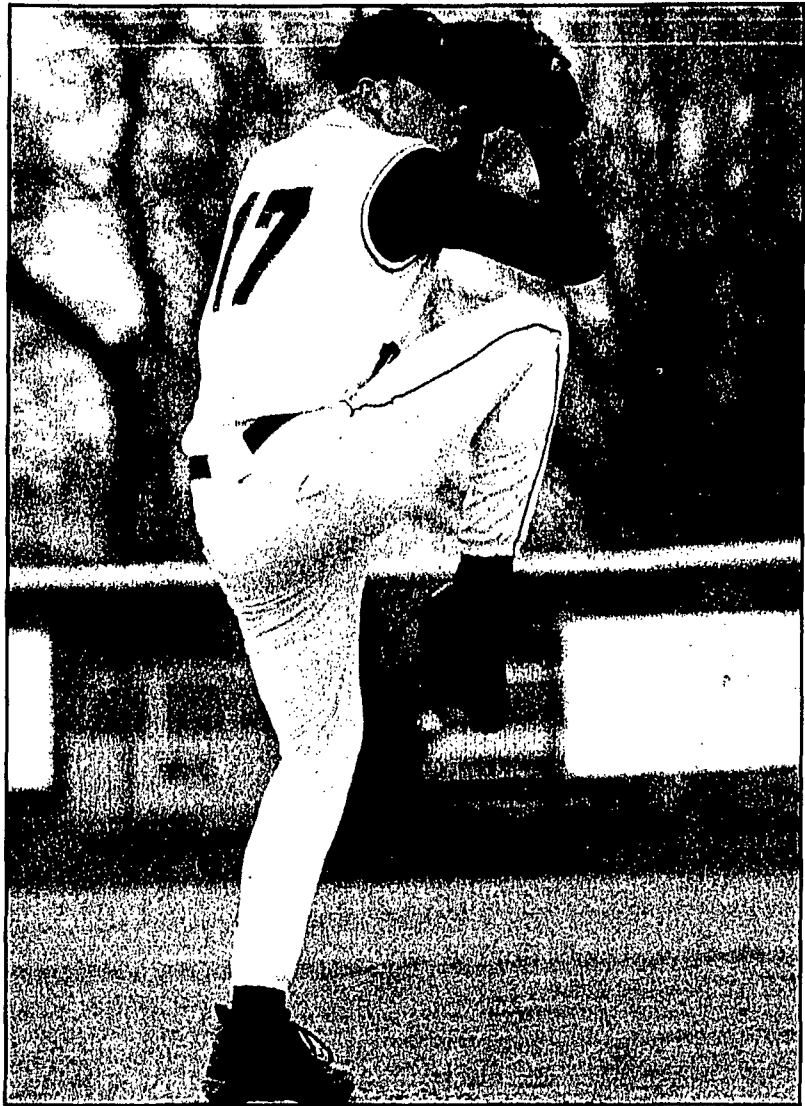


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Pitcher Alex Budden delivers a pitch during the first game of a doubleheader between Northwest and Emporia State on Tuesday. The Bearcats dropped both games to the Hornets.

Bearcats stung by Hornets during MIAA doubleheader

By COLE YOUNG
SPORTS EDITOR

For the Bearcats, last week could not have gone as planned.

Over the last 10 days, Northwest dropped four games to MIAA opponents. That puts the squad in a tough position if it wants to make a run at perennial conference powerhouse Central Missouri State.

"We really need to get going," senior David Dugan said. "It is almost too late in the conference season."

Northwest will have their chance to get going when they face off against Missouri Southern this weekend. Southern is 12-16 on the year, giving the Bearcats a chance to sweep all three games.

"We need to win all three," Dugan said. "If we drop one of

these games we will have dug ourselves too deep of a hole."

Last season the Bearcats seemed to find their stride after a slow start.

This year it seems the squad is the complete opposite. After jumping out to an 8-1 start, the 'Cats seem to have leveled off.

"We found our stride really quick," Dugan said. "Lately we have been really frustrated. We have been letting the game play itself instead of going out and trying to win."

On Tuesday against Emporia State, the squad struggled to find its swing.

In both games the squad was unable to plate any runs until the fifth inning.

In game one, Northwest was already down 5-0 before they scored three runs in the bottom of the fifth

inning.

The Bearcats then gave up another three runs in the sixth inning before Brad Schwarz hit a two-run homer in the seventh inning.

The damage was already done though as Northwest fell 8-5.

In game two, both teams started slow and entered the sixth inning with no score.

The Hornets got on the board first when they scored one run on an error.

Northwest quickly got that run back when Dugan hit a home run to right field. The homer initially looked to be a pop fly, but a strong northern breeze pushed the ball out.

Matt Coons then scored on a Kyle Gallagher single.

In the seventh, Emporia responded with three runs to give

themselves a two-run lead going into the bottom half of the seventh.

Northwest was not done, however. Cameron Dodd scored on a ground ball. The 'Cats then seemed in the driver's seat when they had Dugan at third base and Seth Evans up to bat.

Dugan got caught in a rundown, however, keeping the tying run from scoring. Although Evans was able to get to second on the play.

"My job was to score. But since I got caught, I just had to stay in the rundown long enough for Seth to get to second," Dugan said.

Neither team scored until the ninth inning, when Emporia scored one run.

The Bearcats were unable to score despite having Coons on third with only one out.

Northwest's record stands at 18-12.

NORTHWEST BASEBALL LEADERS

Batting Average	Hits	RBI's	E.R.A.
1. Jon Sobbe..... .500	1. Kyle Gallagher... 30	1. Kyle Gallagher... 28	1. J.R. Servatius.... 2.08
2. Will Newland.... .385	2. Brad Schwarz.... 27	2. Brad Schwarz.... 20	2. Matt Coon..... 2.51
3. Kyle Gallagher... .380	3. Drew Mettelle.... 25	3. David Dugan..... 17	3. Jacob Taylor.... 2.84
4. Matt Coons..... .379	4. Seth Evans..... 21	4. Michael French... 13	4. David Dugan..... 3.52
5. Michael French... .326	5. David Dugan..... 21	5. Drew Mettelle.... 12	5. Brett Bognar.... 4.91

Thinclads prepare to host Northwest Invitational

By ANDY TIMKO
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Northwest track and field teams hope that April showers will not fall as they start the outdoor season hosting the Northwest Invitational this weekend.

After taking a week off for spring break, the Bearcats are ready to make the change from indoor to outdoor competition.

"The same truths hold for both indoor and outdoor," head coach Richard Alsup said. "The distances become longer, the throwers have throws to do, the jumpers have jumps to do."

Alsup believes that the biggest adjustment the team has to make is getting acclimated to the weather change.

"Many track people don't like the indoors because they're breathing forced air and when you get done with a hard workout your lungs are burning," he said. "You

still never have wind in your face, you never have it too hot, you never have it too cold."

Other problems that are common when changing between seasons are the type of track that the team is running on and how healthy the individual athletes are.

"If they've gone through the indoor season without injuries it's a big plus," Alsup said. "Most outdoor tracks that we train on are more healthy for us than the harder surface of the indoor rubber."

Although spring break gives athletes a much-needed chance for rest and recuperation before the outdoor season begins, it also sometimes results in slower times during the first couple weeks of competition.

"We send, in good faith, workouts home with the kids over

spring break and they take them in good faith. But the human nature side of it is that a lot of them don't do it," Alsup said. "They lose a little conditioning, not a lot, but it takes them a little bit to get going again."

With the track season in full swing and other sports starting, Alsup admits that having athletes participating in two sports causes concern for coaches on both sides.

"It is a concern for our side, it's also a concern from the other side," he said. "It is very seldom that we send someone back to football that has been hurt during track. On the flip side, on a regular basis someone comes out of football that is hurt and it affects their season, but we have to accept that possibility and the athletes

have to accept that possibility."

The meet will feature several teams from around the MIAA including Truman State and Pittsburg State.

The 'Cats host the Northwest Invitational this weekend at Rickenbrode Stadium and hope to repeat their win from last season.

"We would love nothing better than to win our own invitational, last year we did win out of 19 teams," Alsup said. "We have some kids that are now healed that are not in good shape and that will take two to three weeks, so I think we would do better in three weeks than we will this weekend."

The track and field teams will also be christening the new all-weather track as part of the \$2 million stadium improvements.

Field events will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday followed by running events at 10:30 a.m.

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Northwest squad splits twinbill with Washburn on Tuesday

By JEROME BOETTCHER
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Eastons are back and it paid off.

With the switch of the bat, the 'Cats found their way to the plate eight times Tuesday against Washburn as they won the second game of their doubleheader 8-5.

Some of the softball players, including seniors Angie McCoy and Megan Spring, had been using a different bat from this year than last year and it didn't seem like it was working. Head coach Susan Anderson suggested that the players switch back to the Easton bats. It seemed to turn out for the best as the 'Cats got a much-needed win against Washburn Tuesday night to keep their conference title hopes alive.

"The bats finally came alive," said an excited Anderson. "It was one of the best games of the year."

One of the biggest moments of the game came in the seventh inning when McCoy hit a two-run home run and then Spring followed up right behind her with a solo shot. It was Spring's second homer of the night as she accounted for all the team's scoring in their 3-1 loss in the first game.

McCoy finished the game 3-for-3 at the plate and with three RBIs. Spring also knocked in three runs and was 2-for-4 at the plate. Junior Shelly MacDonald picked up her third win of the season as the 'Cats improved their overall record to 9-21 and their conference record to 2-2.

Anderson did say that it does get "frustrating" to keep losing close games after solid pitching performances. However, she said the team just needs to "step up and get the job done."

The team will now host Southwest Baptist Saturday at 1 p.m.

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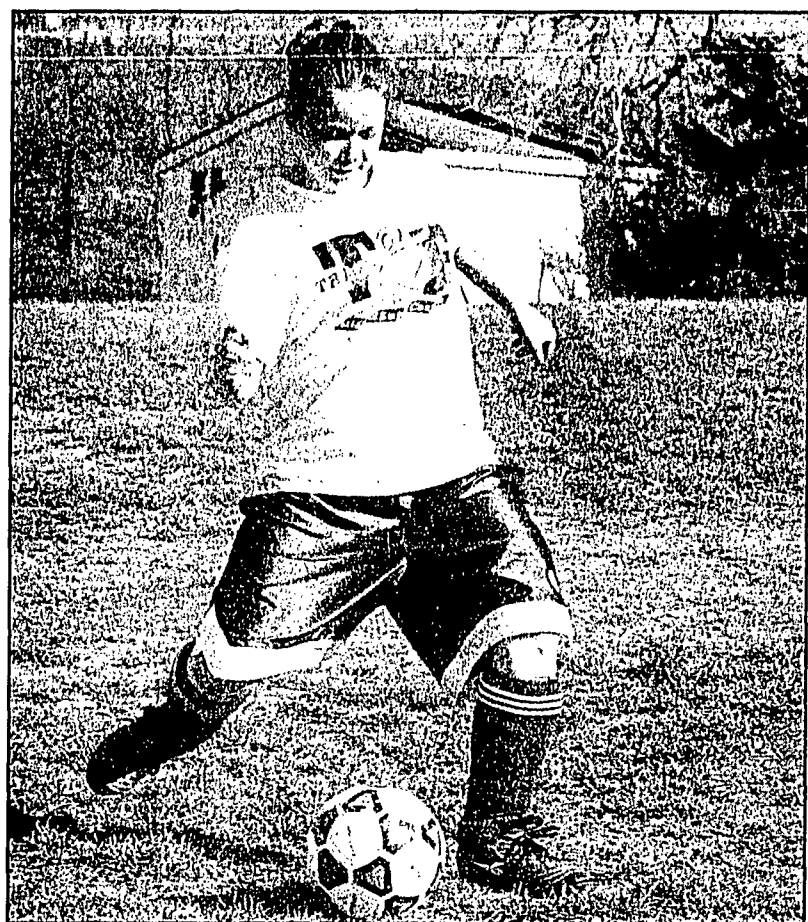


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Kathleen Wilmes passes the ball to teammates during practice Wednesday afternoon. The squad is back in action this afternoon when they host LeBlond at 4:30.

Pirates scourge 'Hounds on home opener

By JEREMY SCHWENK
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The 'Hounds girls soccer team suffered an ugly loss to Platte County in a 6-1 defeat Tuesday.

The 'Hounds were down 2-1 after their only goal was scored by Sarah Welch before the half, but the Pirates proceeded to take the game by scoring four unanswered goals in the second half.

After a strong showing in last weekend's tournament, the 'Hounds are starting to see just what they're up against this year.

Despite losing 2-of-3 games last weekend, the 'Hounds managed to come out feeling better than they did going in.

This past weekend was more of a test for the 'Hounds than it was for most of the competing teams at the tournament in Warrensburg.

"I was very impressed," head coach Bayo Oludaja said. "Under the circumstances, those girls played their hearts out."

With that in mind, this was the first test for a team that lost seven seniors from last year's squad and had five injured for the tournament.

"This was the first chance the girls have actually had to get together and work together in a real game," Oludaja said.

The 'Hounds lost their first game on Friday to a stingy Warrensburg squad 3-0. The following day featured a doubleheader including a 5-3 win over Excelsior Springs which was won in a shootout following Laura Gallagher's goal. The 'Hounds lost the following game to Lafayette 1-0.

"These games are the games we needed in terms of getting the girls to understand one another," said Oludaja.

The 'Hounds next game will be this afternoon against LeBlond at 4:30. The 'Hounds expect all players to be healthy and jelled enough for a hopeful start to a good season.

Senior-laden 'Hounds still looking for pitching rotation

By COLE YOUNG
SPORTS EDITOR

If there is one problem that the success of the Maryville basketball team caused, it was the lack of preparation for spring sports.

Head baseball coach Brian Lohafer and the 'Hounds know all about that.

Lack of preparation coupled with no set pitching rotation put Maryville in a tight spot against Benton on Monday, made evident by their 11-4 loss.

"We are a senior-laden team," Lohafer said. "Out of all those seniors, they have no pitching experience at the varsity level."

Initially it appeared as though

the lack of practice wouldn't matter, jumping out to a 1-0 lead on a run scored by leadoff hitter Bryce Buholt. The senior centerfielder scored when catcher Hans Plackmeier flied out to right field.

Taking a one-run lead into the second inning, the wheels began to fall off for junior starting pitcher Dylan Cloepfil and the 'Hounds who gave up three runs.

"When we took Cloepfil out, we were only down 3-2," Lohafer said of his starter's strong performance.

Maryville also had an error by third baseman Erick Auxier in the inning.

In their half of the second, the 'Hounds would make up one of

the runs thanks to a solo homerun by J.D. Siepel.

The Cardinals would score two more runs in the third off pitcher Skyler Vandiver.

The 'Hounds would not score again until the seventh inning, but Benton unloaded for six more runs in the sixth off three more pitchers.

"No pitcher went over 50 pitches during the game," Lohafer said. "Also, Benton is in our conference, but this wasn't a conference game. We face them later this year, so we didn't show them our best pitchers."

Finding their best pitchers is another problem for the 'Hounds.

"Right now we are just trying to decide who the heck is going to pitch for us," Lohafer said. "In our

first three games, we have had 10 different guys pitch so we can decide who will pitch for the Varsity or Junior Varsity."

According to Lohafer, early on in the year the pitching coach generally likes to use 3 to 4 pitchers per game.

Despite the loss, the coaching staff took several positives from the game.

In addition to Seipel's home run, the 'Hounds were only out-hit 8-7 by Benton.

"I told the kids to look at this as a preseason game to some extent," Lohafer said. "The bats will start to come around."

Maryville is back in action this afternoon against Lafayette at Beal Park. First pitch is set for 4:30.

Nebraska running backs adjust to changes from Callahan; battle still going for starters

By GLENN MEIVIN
DAILY NEBRASKAN (U. NEBRASKA)

(U-WIRE) LINCOLN, Neb. — Nebraska running backs were accustomed to taking the ball straight from the quarterback's hand.

Now, they'll have to get used to acquiring the pigskin from a little farther away.

The Huskers will have their third running backs coach in three years and will be adjusting to a new offense as well. While these running backs weren't recruited to run the West Coast offense, Husker fans hope they make transitions as good as former Huskers Roger Craig and Tom Rathman — NFL standouts in the West Coast system.

New running backs coach Randy Jordan isn't quite Bill Walsh. But after nine years in the

NFL, the last few in Oakland's West Coast offense, he knows the running back's perspective.

"He played the position for years in the pros," junior Cory Ross said. "He knows exactly what a running back would be thinking, so he knows what you can see."

Jordan's fiery emotion in practice is just one of the ways he tries to instill more excitement into his players.

Jordan also wants his players to remember the winning tradition of the Nebraska program.

"The five national championships didn't happen on accident," Jordan said. "Really embrace that, and go out and make your own history."

The Huskers are deep at both I-back and fullback, which is leading to heavy competition at both positions.

Although Steve Kriewald is the lone senior at fullback, sopho-

mores Dane Todd and Grant Miller are fighting hard for his job.

"Those three guys are really getting the eye of the coach because they're all three playing hard," Jordan said.

Ross finished 2003 as the Huskers' starting I-back, but the job was reopened this spring, allowing redshirt freshman Tierre Green and junior David Horne to have an equal opportunity with Ross.

Ross gets the edge in experience. The shifty 5-foot-6 back from Denver carried the ball a school-record 37 times in NU's Alamo Bowl win over Michigan State.

A Green wave swept through Husker Nation when Tierre was second on the pre-spring depth chart, perhaps causing memories of his cousin Ahman to dance through the minds of Husker fans. Those fans may not have long before another Green wear-

ing No. 30 graces Tom Osborne Field.

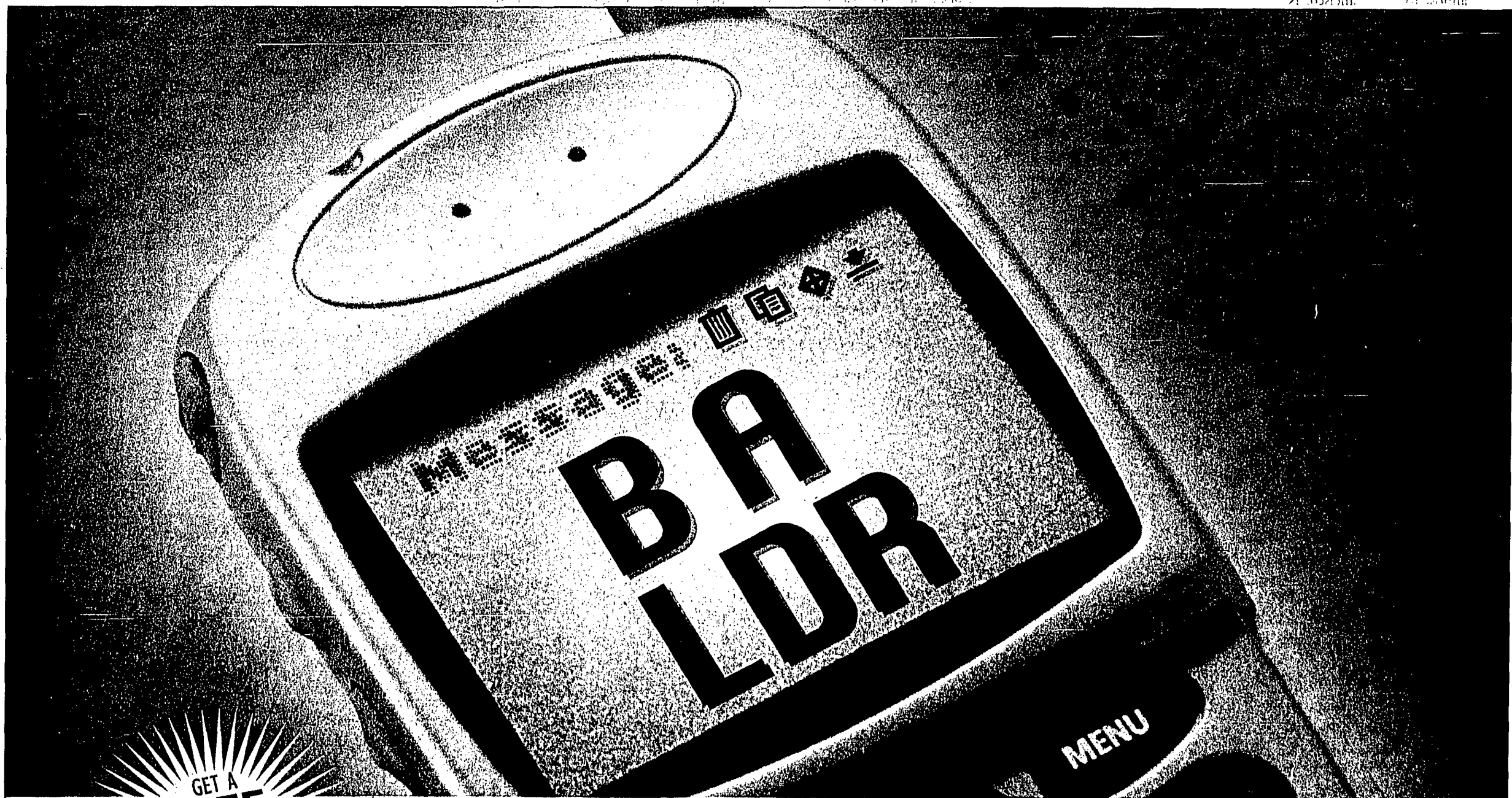
However, Green knows it will be difficult to win the position.

"We're all good backs," Green said. "We're all working hard to learn this new offense; it's a difficult offense to learn. Nothing's set in stone; so No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, whatever you're set at right now doesn't matter until that first game."

Until a running back puts himself above the rest, the position will be considered "running back by committee."

Hopefully for NU, the competition for the position will stretch each running back's abilities farther than an established pecking order would.

"I ask my running backs to do three things: Catch the ball, block and run," Jordan said. "If you do those three things well, you'll do fine in our offense."



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Maryville celebrates success of both 'Hounds and Bearcats basketball seasons

duced and a few players came up to thank the fans. Abby Walter of the girls' high school basketball team came up for the girls' team, who finished as district runner-up. Then Syd Brisbane and Nate Morley of the boys' high school team came up to show their appreciation. Sarah Vollertsen and Brook Hogue of the Lady Bearcats then came up while Kelvin Parker of the Bearcats followed them. The fans were then encouraged to

receive autographs from the players.

"Crowd support influences us and helps us win as much as any player on the team," junior guard Sky Wilson said.

Senior Brook Hogue said that she thinks that the support of the city helps bring players to the program.

"I think that's a reason why people want to come here," Hogue



said. Maryville Principal Ron Landherr believes that the success of the teams will have a positive impact on the town.

"I think athletic success, whether it be basketball, football or whatever at the high school or here at the college, Maryville's kind of noted for that," Landherr said.

"I think it's expected that both teams do well."

Maryville junior Syd Brisbane thinks that the basketball teams' success will help the town to be known more than just a "football town."

"We are known as a football town and going to state is excellent for the basketball program at Maryville High School," Brisbane said. "I think it will attract recruiters, hopefully, to the town."



PHOTO BY JEROME BOETTCHER/ASST. SPORTS EDITOR
Maryville basketball players Cindy Austin and Abby Walter sign autographs following Wednesday night's pep rally sponsored by the Maryville Chamber of Commerce.

Trip to Golden State lacks Baywatch scenes

What an interesting spring break. Thanks to the success of the Northwest men's basketball team, I was able to take a trip to sunny California for spring break.

Now thinking of California, I immediately have thoughts of sunny beaches, palm trees and scenes from Baywatch.

Bakersfield, site of the Elite Eight, had one of them: palm trees.

The sunny beaches and Baywatch scenes were just these lies I told myself apparently to make me think Bakersfield would be better than it was.

For those not geographically inclined, let me help you understand where exactly Bakersfield is.

From Los Angeles, go northeast about two hours. Two hours, huh? That's almost to San Francisco. Not quite. Instead, Bakersfield is about halfway between the two towns.

Enough about the poor location of Bakersfield itself, take a closer look at where Centennial Garden, the venue for the games is at.

The Garden, a very nice arena is situated comfortably in the middle of noth-

ing. Within about three blocks, there was an Amtrak station and about 85 law offices and bail bondsmen.

Maybe that can give you an idea of the quality of the neighborhood.

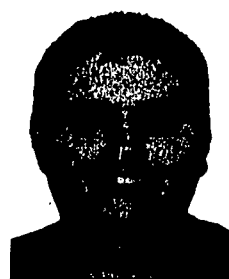
Let's just say as much as I had hoped for the Bearcats to put together a nice run in the tournament, I wasn't exactly depressed to be leaving Bakersfield.

*** It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.

I think that is how you could describe the remaining month of school.

As most students know, the last month of school is filled with research papers, finals and my personal favorite: group projects.

Out of Bounds



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YOUNG
SPORTS
EDITOR

Enough about the worst of times, though. Without an overload of assignments, the last month of school would seem just like any

other month of school.

That's plenty of talk about the bad. We must look at the bright spots if we are to make it through the next month.

For example, the weather is finally starting to warm up, though you wouldn't have thought that after sitting at the Northwest baseball game on Tuesday.

Aside from the brisk 40 mph northerly wind, it almost seemed like baseball season.

The start of spring football just

helps add to the fun of the month of April.

It should be interesting to see if the running game seems to improve this season after what clearly was a lackluster year in the rushing department.

Aside from outdoor sports, the Final Four is this weekend, the obvious best 48 hours for any college basketball fan.

*** Finally, with all the news circulating around Maryville High School regarding head football coach John Pelzer and girl's basketball coach Randy Cook, it seems many people have forgotten the success the two have had.

If I'm not mistaken, Pelzer was one controversial play short of breaking a Platte County winning streak of more than 50 games last October.

By the same token, Cook was just one game short of leading his 'Hounds to a second consecutive district title.

Odds are if the coaches are truly gone, they won't have much of a problem finding somewhere to coach next year.

Who knows, maybe they can face Maryville in the years to come.

Bearcats fall to MIAA foe Southwest Baptist

By JEROME BOETTCHER
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The men's tennis team's undefeated season came to a halt last Thursday.

Southwest Baptist University defeated the formerly undefeated 'Cats 6-3 last week to give the men their first loss of the season.

"In tennis, a 6-3, 5-4 (score) is very close and they're in the top 10 (teams) in the country," head coach Mark Rosewell said. "Unfortunately, they're in our conference, but that's just the way it is."

Senior Lander Panera suffered only his second loss of the year as he fell 2-6, 2-6 to Southwest Baptist's Dante Cipulli.

Rosewell is especially pleased with Panera, as he says he is having a better season than last year. "He's having an All-Star year," he said.

On the women's side, the 'Cats picked up their sixth straight win on Saturday as they beat Lincoln University 5-4.

The victory improved their record to 10-3.

The teams split the singles competition but the 'Cats managed to win 2 of 3 doubles matches.

"(Those wins) won us the match," Rosewell said.

Senior Sara Lipira and Sophomore Raven Herner won their match 8-4, while Senior Jan Pendrak and Sophomore Danielle Cartier won their match 9-7.

Rosewell thinks the team's tough schedule shows that they aren't afraid of playing the big schools.

"We'll play Division I, Division II, we'll play anybody," he said.

Rosewell is also pleased with the help of his two assistant coaches Jared Smith and Richie Marsh and their aid to the program overall.

The men (11-1) now travel to Drury University in Springfield Friday while the women will play in the Northeastern State Tournament in Tahlequah, Oklahoma on Thursday.

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'Hounds fall one win short of title; Wilmes named All-State

wanted to run and what would win," senior Nate Morley said. "We thought a roll would work because of the size advantage."

With two seconds left, Morley was able to get around his defender and nail an open jumpshot to give Maryville the 44-42 lead.

"I just hoped the shot would go in," Morley said. "Last time we ran that play; driving to the lane was open, so I thought it would be again, but it wasn't. So I took the jump shot."

Senior Robbie Lade knocked down the inbound pass by Moun-

tain Grove and Maryville found themselves looking at a date with Centralia for the class 3 state title.

Junior Josh Wilmes netted 20 points, while Morley chipped in with 14.

With the success of a state runner-up came many honors. Wilmes and Brisbane were named to the Midland Empire Conference (MEC) first team, while Morley received honorable mention. Wilmes and Brisbane would also receive All-District honors.

The biggest honor came when Wilmes was named All-State, becoming the first Spoofhound since Matt

Redd and Mike Morley in 1995 to receive this honor.

For the returning three starters, Wilmes, Brisbane, and junior Myles Burnside, next year hopes are high that the 'Hounds can endure as much success as they have this year, possibly even a state title.

"Next year, we return three excellent starters and some kids are ready to step in," Kuwizky said.

"I think we have a good chance at another run at the Final Four. This year's seniors will be missed. They were great kids and awesome leaders. They will really be missed."

FAN PLAN

	TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Northwest baseball		Missouri Southern 6 p.m.	Missouri Southern noon			Washburn 3 p.m.	
Northwest softball			Southwest Baptist 4 p.m.	Missouri Roll 12:30 p.m.		CMSU 4 p.m.	
Northwest men's tennis			Drury 10 a.m.			Central Oklahoma 3 p.m.	Washburn 3 p.m.
Northwest women's tennis		Northeastern State Tournament		Missouri Southern 1 p.m.		Central Oklahoma 3 p.m.	Washburn 3 p.m.
'Hounds baseball		Missouri Southern 6 p.m.				Savannah 6 p.m.	
'Hounds girls' soccer						Auburn 6 p.m.	

■ GAME TO WATCH: The 'Hounds girls' soccer team got off to a rocky start this past week as they are 1-3 so far on the year. The young team looks to win their first home game of the season against Bishop LeBlond on Thursday, it should be a good one.

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Some mornings I'll sit in one of the booths (notice how the light is always over the booths, like there aren't other tables in there) and it makes an ideal study environment. The light hovering directly over the table ensures that I can see my notes and NPR plays in the background, allowing me to simultaneously catch up on news.

The depressing thing about Java City is the conversations that occasionally float into my ears from other tables. I'm no eavesdropper, but when people talk loud enough, others will inevitably hear what they say. And sometimes those things aren't very pleasing to the ear.

Sometimes—too many times—I have heard students complaining about classes or professors. "This class is too hard for a 100-level" or "Why do I have to take this class anyhow?"

Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to college. Nobody said it would be easy and that we could



THE STROLLER

cruise along as we did in high school. And last time I checked, Northwest was a *liberal arts* institution, meaning that by coming here we are receiving more than just job training. It means philosophy, science, psychology, history, language, literature and all those other "unimportant" classes listed in the general education section of the catalog. These classes are what really comprise our liberal arts education, not our major classes.

So what's the deal with general education classes anyhow? No, they're not a scam by the University to make us take more classes, there is a point behind them. General education teaches us how to be citizens of the world—how to *live*. Literature allows us to

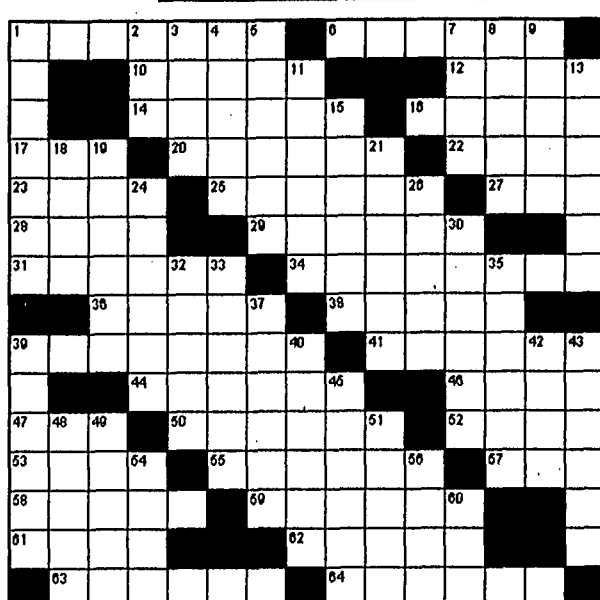
experience events and emotions vicariously through someone else's words. Physics and biology help us understand the intricacies of the natural world around us. Languages help us understand and communicate with other cultures. History and philosophy teach us to analyze information and events, and to ask *why*. The list goes on.

Furthermore, it takes *work* to become an educated person. I took geography in middle school, high school and college, received an A each time, but I'm still terrible at geography. Why? Because I didn't work for those A's. I've found that the most rewarding classes are the ones I have to work hardest at. Not only do I learn more; there's a feeling of accomplishment behind that grade on the report card. Whether you're attending Northwest or Harvard, what you learn depends on your own effort. There's more to education than a grade point average.

Unfortunately, I know people will continue to complain because they're just too apathetic to try to understand *why* we're really here. But please, can I at least drink my coffee in peace?

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

WEEKLY CROSSWORD



Across

1. Cotton fabric
6. Operatic soprano
10. Monsters
12. Donations to the poor
14. Untidy states
16. Pry
17. (Suffix) resembling or characteristic of something specified
20. Female name
22. Male ruler of a duchy
23. Put down
25. Accumulate on the

Down

27. Coloring material
28. Public swimming pool
29. Duplicity
31. One dependent on something
34. W. California city
36. Accustom to hardship
38. Article of furniture
39. Formal assembly
41. African
44. Sitting
46. Atop
47. Male sheep
50. Increase

52. Canines
53. Plebeian
55. Sycophant
57. Small child
58. Having lost all moisture
59. Leaf vein
61. Therefore
62. Cesspools
63. Form of bowling
64. Laser-like device using microwaves

Down

1. Ape
2. Gymnasium
3. Have regard
4. Lost
5. Add up wrongly
7. Ground

See answers below

on the edge

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■ In 1658 Paris police raided a monastery and sent 12 monks to jail for eating meat and drinking wine during Lent.

■ Before the Chinese takeover of Tibet in 1952, 25 percent of the males in the country were Buddhist monks.

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Apr. 7 **Prince**
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Apr. 10 **Leon Russell**
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Apr. 7 **Lovetap/Lost in the Zoo**
The Pub

Apr. 8 **Pistol Grip**
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April 15 **Kelly Clarkson/Clay Aiken**
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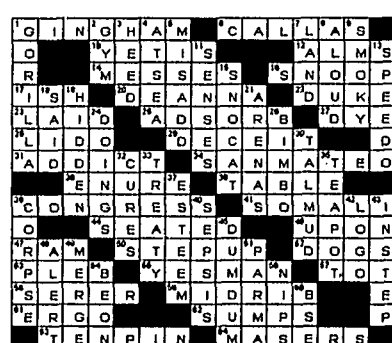
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